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# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

# REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH,

IN

# NORTH AMERICA,

AT

ALBANY, JUNE, 1821.

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# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Albany, on Wednesday, the sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one. The Session continued from the sixth day of June to the fourteenth day of June, inclusive.*

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. V. C. ROMEYN, the oldest minister present; the last President of Synod and Adsessor being absent.

A sermon was preached in the Evening of the first day of the Session, by the Rev. S. S. Woodhull, from 2 Cor. ii. 16.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, James M. Mathews, and John Knox.

Elders, Messrs. Samuel Delemater, Peter H. Wendover,* and Michael Schoonmaker.*

2. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Cornelius T. Demarest,† James V. C. Romeyn, and James G. Brinkerhoff.

Elders, Messrs. John D. Romaine, and Peter Duryea.

* Took their seats on the second day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the Session.

### 3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev John L. Zabriskie, Samuel A. Van Vranken, and Isaac Ferris.*

### 4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Peter D. Fræligh, and Nicholas Lansing.*

### 5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

No delegates appeared.

### 6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Peter Labagh, and Dr. Jacob Brodhead.*

## FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

### 1. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Thomas De Witt, Herman Vedder, and A. N. Kittle.†
Elder, Mr. Henry Hulst.

### 2. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Robert Bronk, Thomas Romeyn, and John De Witt.‡
Elders, Messrs. John I. Ostrander, John Schuyler, Jun. and Michael Fræligh.

### 3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. James Murphy, and Henry Ostrander.§

### 4. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. James Romeyn, Nicholas I. Marselus, and Rich. Sluyter.
Elders, Messrs. E. Van Aulen,|| H. L. Van Dyke, and M. A. Emerick.

### 5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Winslow Paige, and John F. Schemerhorn.
Elder, Mr. Hendrick Becker.

### 6. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Isa. Y. Johnston, J. D. Fonda, and Ralph A. Westervelt.
Elders, Messrs. Thomas N. Clarke, and Nicholas Sluyter.

* Took their seats on the second day of the Session.
† Took his seat on the seventh day of the Session.
‡ Rev. Samuel Kissam occupied his seat during part of one day.
§ Took his seat on the third day of the Session.
|| Had leave of absence on the third day of the Session, and was succeeded by Mr Nicholas Van Rensselaer.

### ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Selah S. Woodhull was chosen President.

Rev. Thomas De Witt was chosen Adsessor.

Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, and James Romeyn were chosen Clerks *pro. tem.*

### ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of Minutes.*

The minutes of the last annual Session of the General Synod, and of the adjourned meeting at Albany, in October last, were read.

## ACTS OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

### ARTICLE II.

*Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed:—

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Thomas De Witt, Peter Labagh, John Knox, Thomas Romeyn, and Nicholas I. Marselus; and the Elders, Messrs. J. D. Romaine, and E. Van Aulen.

The Elder, Mr. N. Van Renssalaer was afterwards added to the Committee.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Herman Vedder, and Cornelius T. Demarest, and the Elder, Mr. John I. Ostrander.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Peter Labagh, Peter D. Frælígh, and Ralph A. Westervelt; and the Elders, Messrs. H. Becker, and H. L. Van Dyck.

*On Missions.*—Rev. J. F. Schemerhorn, J. D. Fonda, J. L. Zabriskie, and J. Murphy; and the Elder, Mr. Samuel Delemater.

*On the state of Religion.*—Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, J. M. Mathews, R. Bronk, and J. Romeyn; and the Elder, Mr. J. Schuyler, Jun.

*Of Overtures.*—Rev. W. Paige, C. T. Demarest, R. Bronk; and the Elder, Mr. H. Hulst.

Synod *Resolved*, That the Lemma, " Gravamina," be discontinued.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Communications.*

The Board of Superintendants brought in the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Board of Superintendants, present to General Synod, the following as their annual report :—

The Board not having convened in September, a meeting was held, at the call of the President, in Albany, on the nineteenth day of October last; at which meeting, two hundred and fifty dollars were put at the disposal of the Committee of Appropriation, for the assistance of five indigent Students. And it was *Resolved*, to recommend to General Synod, Mr. —— Van Olinden, a young man of approved talents and piety, who wishes to prosecute his literary studies, for one year, with a view of entering the Theological College, and is not possessed of the requisite means to defray his expenses; as a fit person to be assisted from the Van Bunschoten Fund.

The Board again met, in the City of New-Brunswick, on the twenty-eighth day of May, to attend to the annual examination of the Students.

The Professors reported the following young gentlemen, who have pursued Theological Studies, in the College, during the past Session, viz.—

### *Of the first Class.*

Maurice W. Dwight, Jacob Bruyn Ten Eyck, Isaac Ketchum, Jun. Peter P. Rouse, Joseph Wilson, Seymour Vonck, Abraham Fort.

### *Of the Second Class.*

John M'Clure, Harman B. Stryker, John Van De Veer, Richard V. Dey, Samuel Van Vechten, Benjamin C. Taylor, Richard Wynkoop.

### *Of the Third Class.*

William M. Ferry, Ferdinand Van De Veer, Samuel Helfenstein, William Blauvelt.

The Students of the Third Class, not having been regularly received, at the commencement of the Session, their admission by the Professors, was sanctioned by the Board.

The young men in the several Classes, were examined, on Ecclesiastical History, Exegetic Theology, Critica Sacra, Jewish Antiquities, Polemic, Didactic, and Pastoral Theology, and the Hebrew and Greek Languages; and presented written discourses for the inspection of the Board. And the Board are happy to have it in their power to state, that throughout the examination, the Students generally, exhibited a pleasing proof of their application and diligence, and of their proficiency and attainments in the several branches of Theological Education: and, that the extended system of Instruction now introduced, and thus far successfully pursued, promises a highly beneficial result, in preparing men for the ministry, who shall not need to be ashamed, being qualified rightly to divide the Word of Truth.

The young gentlemen of the first class having completed their course of study, and having on their examination, given satisfactory evidence of being duly qualified for the work of preaching the Gospel, were recommended for Professoral Certificates, preparatory to licensure.

At this meeting, eight hundred dollars were appropriated for the assistance of indigent Students, in the following proportions:—to two, $120 each; to another, $120, and $35 in arrears; to another $130; to another, $87; to another, $140, and $48 in arrears.

In these appropriations, the Board have endeavoured to consult the strictest economy; considering themselves equally called upon to do so, from a sense of justice to those who contributed to the support of the Institution, and that the means put at their disposal, may be productive of the greatest possible good.

In closing the report of their proceedings during the year past and their labours as a Board of superintendence over that Semi-

nary, which is the hope of our Zion, the Board cannot refrain from expressing their solicitude for its prosperity. It is to be regreted, that while its internal state has been never more prosperous than at present, and the prospect of supplying our churches with a learned and able ministry, never more promising, that its operations should be embarrassed by the inadequacy of its funds. The state of its pecuniary concerns is such as to excite the most serious apprehensions. The statement of this fact, it is earnestly hoped, will call forth a paternal regard from the Synod, and a liberality of support from the churches which the importance of this Institution to the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom demands, and its highly respectable character merits. Our churches have the means, and it is obvious that nothing farther is necessary, than the united and zealous efforts of our own denomination, (under the blessing of the Head of the Church) to give it an eminence, in every respect, among those Seminaries, which are rising into respectability and usefulness, and shedding their glory on our land. They cannot doubt, that the Lord's own hand has planted it and nourished it thus far, and that he who has hitherto blessed it, and made it the fruitful source of joy and of good to our churches, will not abandon it, but will give it increasing fruitfulness and prosperity. They are confident that they express a common sentiment, when they say, that with the interest of the Theological College, is connected the rise or fall of the Reformed Dutch Church. As they love that church, and pray for its establishment, let all its parts rally to its support, in the name of the Lord, and through the Lord's blessing and strength, it will flourish.

By order of the Board.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *President pro. tem.*
WILLIAM M'MURRAY, *Secretary.*

*Theological Hall, New-Brunswick,*
*May 29th*, 1821.

The following report was received from the standing Committee of Missions :—

The Committee of Missions of General Synod, report,

That they have endeavoured faithfully to attend during the past year, to the important trust committed to their care.

In the case of the Rev. Abner Wright, soliciting a Mission to Canada, and referred to them by General Synod at their Sessions in June last, your Committee have concluded, that as Mr. Wright belonged to another denomination, and his missionary talents were wholly unknown to them, that it was inexpedient at that time to employ him in said Mission, and directed their Secretary forthwith to transmit to him their decision.

In their last report to General Synod, it was informed, that the Corner Stone of a new Dutch Church, forty-five feet by sixty, had been laid at Spotswood, New-Jersey, in May, 1820; they have now the pleasure to add, that said church has been entirely completed; and that application has been recently made to the Classis of New-Brunswick, and measures taken, for the organization and dedication of the same.

The Licentiate, Mr. Isaac Van Hook, has continued to labour there in the employ of this Committee, with but little intermission, to the present period. Your Committee, under apprehension that they had redeemed their pledge to Mr. Van Hook, as well as to that people, and in consequence also of the then reduced state of their funds, did in August last, discontinue, for a season, their missionary compensation to Mr. Van Hook; they were, afterwards, however, induced by the prospect of good resulting from his labours, and the hope that that church would soon be able to take care of itself, partially to renew it.

Mr. Van Hook has generally preached twice on the sabbath—has catechised the children—associated and conversed with the people, and instituted a bible class. Several individuals there have manifested an anxious solicitude for their eternal welfare, and appear to be waiting for the opportunity of uniting themselves to the people of God, and of testifying their love to their Saviour. From the journal of Mr. Van Hook, it appears, that he has experienced some opposition at Spotswood, arising from the conflicting interests of other denominations: he has observed, however, that from the commencement of his labours amongst that people, down to the present time, he has found on their part, a willingness to improve, and an increased attention to the means of grace.

The Committee informed Synod in their last report, that they intended to employ a Missionary in the suburbs of the City of New-York. Agreeably to that intention, and with the consent of

Mr. Isaac Fisher, a Licentiate of the Classis of New-Brunswick, he was appointed to preach in said suburbs for three months, and a Committee was appointed to procure a suitable place for his ministrations. This part of the plan of your Committee, owing principally to the long protracted indisposition of Mr. Fisher, under circumstances in which the restoration of his health was daily looked for, has not been carried into effect. A proposition was subsequently made to Mr. Fisher, to engage in a mission to the western part of this State; to this he had consented, but having soon after received a call to Bedminster, in New-Jersey, it has not been carried into effect.

Mr. Isaac Ferris, a Licentiate of the Dutch Church, having been consulted on the subject of a mission, and having signified his willingness to be employed by the Committee, was on the 4th of August, appointed a Missionary for two months, in the western part of this State, and especially within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery. Mr. Ferris was generally directed to select the most promising spot for Missionary exertions; and having made that selection, to give information thereof to the Committee, and to continue his labours there till otherwise disposed of. His attention was particularly directed to the town of Manheim, if vacant, and to the town of Danube.

This appointment has beeu faithfully fulfilled. Mr. Ferris commenced his missionary labours at Manheim, on the 6th of September last.

The German Reformed Church in that place, has no ecclesiastical connection with the Classis of Montgomery. He preached at Manheim twice on every Lord's day, and lectured twice in the week, associated with the people as much as possible, and made it his particular business to visit, address, and distribute the tracts with which he was furnished to the different schools, within the bounds of the congregation. His services were kindly received, and the congregation and Mr. Ferris parted from each other, on the 5th of November, with mutual regret. Your Missionary soon after received a strong token of their confidence, by a call made upon him to settle amongst them as their Pastor.

The remainder of his time was spent in the town of Danube, and his labours were principally confined to the congregations of Osquack, and Indian Castle. The town of Danube is represented as

divided into numerous sects, and piety generally speaking, as at a low ebb. Divine worship was however well attended—your missionary was hospitably entertained, and collected $18 50.

Both towns are represented as in perishing need of a faithful ministry. " There is no place," said Mr. Ferris, " where a Missionary of our church can be more profitably employed, than in the western part of Montgomery, and in Herkimer county; in the latter especially, there is very great want of regular, enlightened, ministerial labour, as there are but three regularly installed ministers in the county." Your Committee regret, that Mr. Ferris could not at that time have protracted his mission in that region. He was appointed again on the 28th December last, a Missionary for two months, in the county of Washington in this State; but having received and accepted a call to New-Brunswick, the overture was declined.

In consequence of a letter received from Paul Weidman, a Licentiate of the Dutch Church, dated April 6th, 1820, requesting to be employed as a Missionary at the Indian Castle and Osquack, he was appointed for two months to the places aforesaid, and was requested to commence his missionary labours, without delay. This appointment Mr. Weidman intended to fulfil ; but being detained by the church at Schoharie, to which he was soon after called as their Pastor, his contemplated mission was eventually declined.

Mr. Cornelius Bogardus, a Licentiate of the Dutch Church, was on the 6th of November last, appointed at his request, to a mission in the western part of this State, but receiving a call soon after that appointment from the congregation at Bern, it was declined.

The Secretary of the Committee was directed to write on the 2nd of February last, to the candidate, Eli Baldwin, and to inform him, that this Committee were desirous to employ him as a Missionary for three months, at Athol, Johnsburgh, and Warrensburgh, in the counties of Washington and Warren in this State, and requesting an immediate answer. To this letter no reply has been received.

In consequence of a recommendatory letter received from the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, and application by letter from Abraham Switz, a Licentiate of the Dutch Church, he was appointed on the 2nd of March last by your Committee, a Missionary for three

months, in the counties of Montgomery and Herkimer. This appointment has been accepted and fulfilled.*

Mr. Jared Dewing, a Licentiate of the Dutch Church, to whom application was made to go on a mission, in December last, was appointed on the 3d of May following, a Missionary for four months to Athol, Caldwell, Warrensburgh, and Johnsburgh. This appointment was accepted, and Mr. Dewing lately left the City of New-York for the place of his distination.†

A written application, signed by a number of inhabitants of Hoboken, in New-Jersey, has been received, requesting aid in an attempt to erect and organize a Dutch Church in that place. A Committee was appointed to examine into the state of society at Hoboken, Harsimus, and Paulus Hook, for the purpose of ascertaining the facilities of complying with that request; but owing partly to a deficiency of missionary funds at the time of their application, and partly to the difficulty of procuring a suitable Missionary, it has not yet been disposed of.

Application has also been made for a Missionary to be sent to Stillwater, New-Jersey, but your Committee have not yet been able to procure a suitable missionary for that station.

A letter has been received from the Rev. John De Witt, Chairman of the Committee of Missions of the Classis of Albany, proposing a mission south of Schenectady, on the Cherry Valley turnpike, and requesting this Committee either to transmit means for the prosecution of said Mission, or to employ a Missionary themselves, and naming the Rev. Isaiah Y. Johnston as a suitable person to be employed; Mr. Johnston having been appointed to that mission, and having declined his appointment, the Committee addressed a letter to the Committee of the Classis of Albany, authorising them to employ a suitable person for said Mission, for a term not exceeding three months. Various other fields of missionary labour have been presented, but your Committee have not been

* The Committee have received an able and interesting communication from that Missionary, which having been received after the drawing up of this report, they beg leave to present therewith to General Synod. Mr. Switz has been solicited to accept another missionary appointment for three months, to the western part of this State.

† We have since, however, learned with regret from Mr. Dewing, that he has been induced without consulting this Committee, to relinquish his engagement, and to accept an appointment as a missionary of the Committee of the Classis of Albany.

able to extend beyond the limits noticed in this report, their missionary efforts. They have been obliged to contend, almost without intermission, with two very serious difficulties,—namely, *the want of funds, and the want of missionaries.**

Their funds, till towards the close of this year, have been exceedingly limited; and they are sorry to say, that notwithstanding the earnestness with which this subject was urged in a former report, that it has not met that attention, nor been followed by that exertion, on the part of our churches, which might reasonably have been expected.

Their treasury has of late been somewhat replenished, but is altogether inadequade even now, to prosecute the missionary cause with that vigour, and to that extent, which the wants of our frontier settlements, and the nature of the case require.

Your Committee believe, that the public missionary contributions ordered for the past year, have been considerably lessened, by being coupled in the resolution of Synod with collections for the contingent fund.

From this connection of two objects, in one collection, they apprehend, that many persons have been deterred wholly, or partially, from contributing to the missionary fund, who would otherwise have been disposed to have aided that fund.

The contributions raised under this disadvantage, have been put into the hands of your board of corporation, and have been appropriated by them, (except in cases where the contributing churches have ordered otherwise) in such proportion to either of those funds, as they have seen fit: now, as that Board cannot always be supposed to be acquainted with the situation of the Committee of missions, they cannot always be the best judges of the proportion needed by that Committee.

Your Committee would also call the attention of Synod to the fact, that almost all the contributions taken up for missionary purposes during the past year, have been paid, not to the Treasurer of this Committee, but to the Treasurer of the board of corporation; and that your Committee have, in some instances, experienced serious embarrassment and delay, arising out of that arrangement.

* Their compensation to Missionaries has varied according to circumstances, from thirty to forty dollars per month.

They have met in repeated instances, without being able to ascertain what money was in hand to be appropriated; nor could they always when that was ascertained, receive such money till after a meeting and decision had thereon by the board of corporation.

Although your Committee have entire confidence in that Board, and can have no interest on the great scale of christian effort separate from their's; yet, they are entirely of opinion, that, except the whole missionary business be put into their hands, that the Committee of Missions should be enabled, by Synod, in all cases, to act separately from, and independently of that Board.

Your Committee have received, during the past year, no missionary contributions from Questors of Classes. Excepting those received from the Questor of the Classis of New-Brunswick: it appears, therefore, that the fourth resolution of Synod, at their Sessions in June last, has not been generally complied with.

The sum of $410 30, taken by General Synod on loan, and ordered in June last to be refunded, has not yet been so refunded.

Although your Committee may hope to procure Missionaries for the coming year from our Theological College at New-Brunswick; yet, if their pecuniary resources should be increased, they are apprehensive, that the supply of Missionaries will not be sufficient to meet the numerous and interesting calls made upon them for missionary labour. They would, therefore, respectfully suggest to Synod, the propriety of calling upon such settled ministers, as with the consent of their congregations, may be able, and willing to aid in the missionary cause, to devote some portion of their time to missionary efforts; and hope, if Synod approve this proposition, that they will take measures, in case of the due application of such ministers to the Committee of missions for missionary employment, and of their being so employed, to have their pulpits supplied, during their necessary absence, by the Classis to which they are respectively attached, or by some neighbouring Classis; and that your Committee may be authorised to make them such pecuniary compensation, as the nature of their Mission shall require.

Your Committee have received no account during the past year from any of the Classes, as such, of fields requiring missionary labour.

No official report of the missionary proceedings of Classes as auxiliaries of General Synod has been received; the 5th resolution

of Synod at their Sessions in June last, has therefore not been complied with; and it is consequently out of the power of your Committee to give that complete view of the missionary transactions of the past year, which was contemplated in that resolution. Your Committee in discharging their trust for the past year, have experienced no small inconvenience from not being able, in some instances, to form a quorum; they therefore pray, that Synod may relieve them on that subject, by declaring a number somewhat less than a majority of that Committee, competent, when duly convened, to transact all missionary business that shall come before them.

On a review of this whole report, your Committee would respectfully recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.—

*Resolved*,

1. That all future public collections for the missionary fund be taken up by themselves, and unconnected with any other object.

2. That all contributions taken up by Classes or individuals, for missionary purposes, be forwarded without delay, to Treasurer of the Committee of Missions.

3. That the injunction of Synod of June last, requiring annual reports to be made by Classes, on missionary business, to the Committee of missions, be, and it hereby is, particularly enforced.

4. That it be, and it hereby is enjoined upon the board of corporation of General Synod, to refund, if possible, in the coming year, the money taken by Synod, on loan from the Committee of Missions.

5. That this Synod recommend to such settled ministers as having the consent of their congregations, may be able and willing to devote a portion of their time to missionary labour, to signify such willingness to the Committee of Missions; and that if any settled minister be employed by that Committee in missionary labour, it be the duty of the Classis to which he belongs, on due application made for that purpose by the Committee, to appoint supplies for his pulpit, for the whole time that he shall be necessarily absent, and engaged in such Mission.*

* But if said Classis be so situated as to be unable to furnish supplies to the extent contemplated in this resolution, that your Committee be authorised to call upon, and appoint ministers of neighbouring Classes, to aid in such supply.

6. That the Committee of Missions be authorised to make such pecuniary compensation to settled ministers, who shall be employed in missionary service, as the nature of that service shall require.

7. That any four members of the Committee of Missions regularly convened, shall be competent for the transaction of all such missionary business, as may come before them.

The above, with the subjoined account of their Treasurer, is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee of Missionaries.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *President.*

*New-York, May 30th,* 1821.

Accompaning the above report, were the journal of Mr. Abraham Switz, and the report of the Treasurer of the Committee; all which were referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the Committee:—

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*Account rendered by J. I. Westervelt, Questor, to the Committee of Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

RECEIPTS.

| | | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1819. | | | | |
| Dec. 1. | Received of Mr. Richard Duryee | - - - - | 410 | 25 |
| 1820. | | | | |
| Mar. 3. | do. | of Mr. Isaac Heyer - - - - - - - | 166 | 30 |
| May 31. | do. | of Dr. Wilson, collected in the Congregations of Jamaica, and New-town, Long-Island, under the care of the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker - - - - - - - | 29 | 3 |
| Sept. 12. | do. | of Mr. J. Fisher, when he declined to go on his Mission - - - - - - - | 40 | 00 |
| Nov. 7. | do. | of Mr. Isaac Hyer - - - - - - - | 300 | 00 |
| 1821. | | | | |
| Jan. 3. | do. | of Mr. James Bogert, collected by the Ladies at Hærlem - - - - - - - - | 49 | 00 |
| 4. | do. | of the Rev. I. Ferris, which he collected on a Mission to the North - - | 18 | 50 |

| 1821. | | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Feb. 5. | Received of Mr. Samuel Delemater, collected in the North West Dutch Church, in Franklin-street | | 3 | 32 |
| Mar. 4. | do. | of Mr. Isaac Heyer | 187 | 60 |
| April 26. | do. | of the Rev. John Knox, which was collected in the Congregation under the care of the Rev. Mr Bronk | 26 | 00 |
| May 2. | do. | of the Rev. J. Zabriskie, Questor of the Classis of New-Brunswick, collected— | | |
| | | In the Congregation of New-Brunswick | 19 | 6 |
| | | In the Congregation of Monmouth | 6 | 75 |
| | | In the Congregation of Hillsborough | 10 | 00 |
| 21. | do. | of Dr. Peter Wilson, which was sent to him by the Rev. Philip Duryea | 5 | 00 |
| | | *Amount of Money received* | 1270 | 81 |

## PAYMENTS.

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| 1819. | | | |
| Dec. 1. | By order of the Committee paid the Rev. I. A. Van Hook | 50 | 00 |
| | Paid G. B. Vroom | 50 | 00 |
| 4. | Paid by order of the Committee G. W. Mentz | 75 | 00 |
| 1820. | | | |
| Jan. 19. | By order of the Committee of Missions paid the Rev. I. A. Van Hook | 25 | 00 |
| 24. | Paid do. | 50 | 00 |
| Mar. 22. | Paid do. | 75 | 00 |
| May 11. | Paid do. | 75 | 00 |
| | Paid the Rev. I. Labagh, postage on letters | 00 | 77 |
| 31. | Paid the Rev. I. A. Van Hook in full, by order of the Committee | 25 | 00 |
| July 1. | Paid the Rev. J. A. Van Hook in full, up to the 8th instant | 50 | 00 |
| Aug. 5. | Paid I. A. Van Hook, by order of the Committee | 50 | 00 |
| 28. | By order of the Committee, paid J. Ferris to go on a Mission to the North | 40 | 00 |
| | Paid Rev. I. Fisher for the same purpose | 40 | 00 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Jan. 4. | Paid the Rev. I. Ferris in full for his services rendered as a Missionary - - - - - - - - - - | 40 | 00 |
| Feb. 16. | By order of the Committee paid the Rev. I. A. Van Hook - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 30 | 00 |
| 19. | By order of the Committee paid the Rev. Mr. Switz - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 40 | 00 |
| Mar. 8. | Paid the Rev. I. Labagh postage on letters - - | 2 | 00 |
| Apl. 21. | By order of the Committee paid the Rev. I. A. Van Hook, in full - - - - - - - - - - - - | 60 | 00 |
| May 14. | Paid the Rev. Mr. Dewing to go on a Mission to the North - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 40 | 00 |
| | *Amount of Money paid out* | 817 | 77 |
| | *Balance in hand of the Questor* | 453 | 4 |
| | | 1270 | 81 |

Communications were received, from the Consistory of the Church of Greenbush, recommending James H. Teller, from the President of the Consistory of the Church of Poughkeepsie, recommending Richard D. Van Kleeck, from the Consistory of the Church of Montgomery, recommending Jacob C. Sears, and from the Consistory of the First Church, in Philadelphia, recommending Wm. S. Dillingham, as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Bunschoten Fund. All of which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

One hundred copies of the Fourth Annual Report of the United Foreign Missionary Society, were laid on the table of Synod for the use of the members.

A communication was received from Mr. Z. Lewis, one of the Secretaries of the United Foreign Missionary Society, requesting the approbation of Synod to the following alterations in the Constitution of the United Foreign Missionary Society. "In the third article, substitute *twenty-seven*, for *eighteen* Managers; and after the clause which empowers the Managers to supply any vacancies that may occur in the Board, add, *and to appoint honorary Directors, and Vice Presidents, in testimony of respect for eminent services.*"

*Resolved*, That Synod do *concur* in said alterations.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Board of Corporation.*

The following report was received from the Board of Corporation, and referred to the Rev. Dr. J. Brodhead, Thomas De Witt, I. Y. Johnston; and the Elders, Messrs. Michael Schoonmaker, and John I. Ostrander.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Albany, June,* 1821.

The Board of Corporation, respectfully submit the following *report:—*

The Board have met regularly since their appointment, and have transacted whatever business has been before them with the utmost unanimity. A report in part of their proceedings from June to October was presented at the last adjourned meeting of the General Synod, to which the Board would refer the Synod as embracing a considerable portion of their transactions during the year.

It was then stated, that measures had been very promptly taken to procure a suitable number of Agents to obtain subscriptions and donations to the Permanent Fund: but that many who were selected as highly qualified for the work had declined their appointments; and that from various circumstances, it was feared that the efforts of such as had consented to serve, would not result in any very large additions to the funds of Synod. These apprehensions, the Board regret to state, have been painfully realized. They, however, feel confident, that *their* best endeavours have not been wanting in the prosecution of this highly important object; and at the same time, they would state, that those Agents who have acted in several parts of the Church, deserve the thanks of the Synod for their faithful services. The reports of several of the Agents have not yet been received; but, so far as the Board have ascertained, there has been collected (after deducting the necessary expenses of the Agents, and a reasonable compensation for their labour) the sum of only $ 531 31. And the Board cannot congratulate the Synod on the amount received from the *collections* directed to be made throughout the Churches, during the past year. It appears that about sixty congregations have not attended to the *injunction* of the Synod. As the Synod directed the delinquent

Churches to be marked and reported, the following are represented to their notice, viz.

*In the Classis of Long-Island.*

The Church of Bushwick.

*In the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

The Churches of Hillsborough, Middletown, Freehold, Walpeck, and Stillwater.

*In the Classis of Philadelphia.*

The Churches of North Branch, and of North and South Hampton.

*In the Classis of Bergen.*

The Churches of Belleville, English Neighbourhood, the Ponds, Stonehouse Plains, Montville, Preakness, and Newfoundland.

*In the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

The Churches of St. John, Linlithgow, Kingston, Hyde-Park, Rhinebeck, Fishkill, and Redhook.

*In the Classis of Ulster.*

The Churches of Marbletown, Hurley, Ashokan, Flatbush, Saugerties, Catskill, Esopus, Neversink, Mamakotting, Beaverdam, and Woodstock.

All the Churches *in the Classis of Montgomery.*

*In the Classis of Albany.*

The Churches of the Boght, Washington, Gibbonsville, Heldebergh, Salem, Jerusalem, Amity, Basic, Beaverdam, and the First Church of Albany.

*In the Classis of Rensselaer.*

The Churches of Union Village, Schodack, Claverack, and Hillsdale.

*In the Classis of Washington.*

The Churches of Saratoga, Fort Miller, Easton, Waterford, and Clifton Park.

All the other Churches have attended to the collection directed to be made by the Synod, for the *Theological College*, excepting the Churches of Acquackenunck, Niskeuna, and Hopewell.

All the other Churches have attended to the collection for the *Missionary and Contingent Funds*, excepting the Churches of Hærlem, Argyle, Pompton, Pompton Plains, Flatbush, Flatlands, Gravesend, Jamaica, Kakeat, Ramapo, Rochester, Clove, Oyster-Bay, New-Hempstead, Northumberland, Saratoga, Hinsdale, Bedminster, Clarkstown, Catskill, Staten-Island, Coxsackie, Courtlandtown, New-Brunswick, and Poughkeepsie.

So far as returns have been made to the Treasurer, it appears, that the only Churches which have attended to the collection on the first sabbath of May, *for the Permanent Fund*, are the Church of New-York, the Churches in Garden-street and Market-street, the German Reformed Church, the Churches of Brooklyn, Greenwich, Hærlem, Fordham, Montgomery, Hackinsack and the North Church in Schraalenburgh, Totowa, Warwick, and the two Churches of Philadelphia.

As to the *recommendation* of the Synod, that on " the last sabbath in December, every member of the Reformed Dutch Church, identify himself or herself with the Church, by a small donation yearly, (say 25 cents or more") the Board regret to state, that this has been attended to only in the Church of New-York, the Church in Market-street, New-York, and the Churches of Lebanon, and Rockaway, New-Jersey, from which it will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the sum of $281 69, has been hereby collected.

The Board of Corporation, respectfully recommend to the General Synod, to re-enact the same resolutions which were adopted in June last, for the purpose of raising funds to support the Theological School; and they would also suggest to the Synod, the expediency of issuing a pastoral letter to the Churches under their care, urging upon them the importance and necessity of these collections.

The Synod will recollect that at the meeting in October last, the Board of Corporation submitted the proposal which they had received from the Trustees of Queens College, in relation to the Professoral Fund, together with the reasons that constrained them not to accept of their overture. It was stated to the Synod, that after using " such further efforts" as the Board of Corporation thought calculated to induce the Trustees to admit the *right* of Synod, in relation to the monies and other property of the Professoral Fund, the Trustees not only refused to admit this right, but declined to decide upon the proposal of a reference of the matters

in collision, to the arbitration of the Chancellors of the States of New-York, and New-Jersey. It moreover appeared, from a communication made to the Synod, by a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Queens College, that the Trustees, after pronouncing the litigated " balance of $2212 58, heretofore charged to the Literary Fund paid and overpaid," had by a formal resolution, directed their Treasurer " to charge the said sum with interest thereon to the Professoral Fund, and discharge the Literary Fund therefrom." This resolution of the Trustees, which was never communicated to the Board of Corporation, though it appears to have been passed at the very time that the Corporation were at New-Brunswick, and in relation to the settlement of this very matter, the General Synod at their last meeting, marked with their decided disapprobation; and after resolving, that they still " hold the Trustees responsible for this principal and the interest thereon," they empowered this Board, " in their discretion to receive, on liberal terms, from the Trustees, books or other property in payment of the above debt;" also, " to receive and hold the Funds belonging to the Professoral Fund, upon such terms as are consistent with the rights of Synod," and also " to renew their overtures to the Trustees, and prosecute at their discretion, such further measures as may be contained in their former instructions."

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, the Corporation, anxious to pursue such measures as might produce the desired arrangement with the Trustees, maturely considered the points embraced in the resolutions of the Synod, and in whatever aspect they viewed them, found themselves embarrassed with difficulties. On the one hand, "*the rights of the Synod*," were the only basis on which any negotiation with the Trustees could be founded. And on the other hand, the extraordinary act of the Trustees directing their Treasurer to debit the Professoral Fund, with money heretofore acknowledged by themselves, to be due to that Fund, (it being part of the sum collected in the State of New-York by virtue of the original agreement made in 1807, the proceeds of which, were devoted by that covenant to the specific purpose of paying the salary of a Professor called by themselves,) this act, done at the very time that the Board of Corporation were urging the right of controul before them, being so directly opposite to a spirit of conciliation, appeared to dispel every hope of adjusting the business in

an amicable manner. They, therefore unanimously resolved, That it was inexpedient to make any further overtures to the Board of Trustees on the subject of receiving the property belonging to the Professoral Fund, until their resolution of the 26th of September last, respecting a part of that Fund be repealed.

The Corporation at the same time, transmitted through their Secretary, to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Queens College, a copy of the resolutions adopted by the General Synod at their last meeting, in relation to the Professoral Fund, together with a request that he would call at an early day, a special meeting of that Board, to take the whole subject into consideration; and in this communication, they formerly renewed the proposal of a reference of all the points in controversy to the decision of the Chancellors of the States of New-York, and New-Jersey.

A special meeting of that Board was accordingly held on the 2d Jan. last, when after considering the communication from this Board, they resolved not to agree to the proposed reference. This proposition so unquestionably fair, and so free from reasonable objection, having been rejected by the Trustees, no resort seemed left for the Board of Corporation, but to a legal process, in order to obtain an adjustment of the matters in collision. This resort, however, the Board of Corporation have deemed adviseable to delay. It being a step so important, and involving so many considerations, and so much responsibility, they considered it proper first to obtain the express direction of the General Synod in relation to it, before its adoption; and as they hoped also, that on further reflection, the Board of Trustees themselves, would become sensible of the fairness and reasonableness of the proposed arbitration, and would see fit to consent to it, they *resolved* to take no further measures before the meeting of Synod, in relation to the matters in controversy with the Board of Trustees of Queens College.

The Board of Corporation, respectfully recommend, in relation to the matters in controversy with the Board of Trustees of Queens College, in case the same should not be adjusted by the General Synod before their adjournment, that the Synod, at their present Session, appoint a Committee of persons not members of the Board of Corporation, who shall be instructed and empowered to negotiate with the Board of Trustees in relation to those matters, and endeavour to bring the same to an amicable adjustment. And in

case the said Committee, can agree on such adjustment with the Trustees, that the Committee shall then report their proceedings to the Board of Corporation, who shall be empowered to do all acts to execute the same, on the part of the Synod.

The Board agreeably to the resolution of the Synod in June last, have caused the stock and obligations of the Permanent Fund to be transferred to the General Synod, as an *incorporated* body; and have performed all acts in relation to the same, which this transfer rendered necessary and proper.

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The following is the TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, of the receipts and expenditures, during the year from June 1st, 1820, to June 1st, 1821, viz.—

*General Synod of Reformed Dutch Church in Account Current with Isaac Heyer, Treasurer.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1820. | | | |
| June | 1. By balance then in hand - - - - - - - - | 1228 | 38 |
| | 5. Cash from Female Cent Society, of First Reformed Dutch Church, in Philadelphia - - - - | 88 | 00 |
| | 6. Ditto from Female Cent Society, of Second Refromed Dutch Church, in Albany - - - - | 96 | 50 |
| | Ditto from the Rev. John De Witt, from Classis of Albany, for minutes - - - - - - - - - | 25 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Rev. W. Eltinge, for Minutes from Classis of Paramus - - - - - - - - - - | 14 | 94 |
| | Ditto from same for 1 year's dividend on turnpike stock - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 15 | 00 |
| | 7. Ditto from the Rev. G. Livingston, collected in church, at Coxsakie - - - - - - - - - - | 18 | 12 |
| | 8. Ditto from Rev. James Murphy, collected in Church, at Rochester - - - - - - - - - | 13 | 75 |
| | 10. Ditto from Tract and Cent Society, of Somerville, for indigent students - - - - - - | 40 | 00 |
| | 12. Ditto from Rev. William Bogardus, collected in churches at New Paltz and New Hurley, for Theological Seminary - - - - - - - - - | 16 | 86 |
| | Ditto from Rev. John Gosman, collected in a society of young persons, of the church at Kingston, for Theological Seminary - - - - - | 22 | 00 |

| 1820. | | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 15. | By Cash from Rev. B. Hoff, for contingent Fund | | 8 | 75 |
| | Ditto from same from Classis of Philadelphia, for minutes | | 2 | 00 |
| | Cash from Dr. Brodhead for Mission, and contingent Funds | | 29 | 63 |
| | Ditto from Rev.———Larzalere, for Theological Seminary | | 18 | 75 |
| | Ditto from a collection in the Middle Church New-York, Missionary Fund | | 118 | 20 |
| July 3. | Ditto from George Forman, on account for printing Constitution | | 24 | 00 |
| | Ditto for two quarters interest on State Stock | | 91 | 50 |
| | Ditto for two quarters interest on City Stock | | 21 | 00 |
| Aug. 7. | Ditto from Female Cent Society, at Kinderhook, for Theological Seminary | | 41 | 43 |
| Sep. 22. | Ditto from Female Cent Society at Brooklyn, for Theological Seminary | | 39 | 76 |
| | Ditto from Classis of New-York, on account of minutes | | 25 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Dr. Gunn, Agent | $236 82 | | |
| | Deduct expenses and commission | 36 82 | 200 | 00 |
| 25. | Ditto from Cent Society of Readington congregation, for Theological Seminary | 40 75 | | |
| | Deduct two bad notes | 2 00 | 38 | 75 |
| Oct. 13. | Ditto from Female Cent Society of First Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia Theological Seminary | | 68 | 75 |
| 30. | Ditto from Cent Society of Tyoshake, for Permanant Fund | | 20 | 00 |
| 31. | Ditto from Classis of New-Brunswick, for minutes | | 23 | 17 |
| Nov. 7. | Ditto from Church at Readington for Missionary and contingent Funds | | 17 | 78 |
| | Ditto from Church at New-Harlingen, for Missionary and contingent Funds | | 16 | 00 |
| | Ditto from the following for the Professorate | | | |
| | Middle Church, in New-York | | 94 | 65 |
| | North Church do. | | 50 | 42 |

| 1820. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Nov. 7. | By Cash from North West Church Professorate - | 2 | 76 |
| | Church in Garden-street - - - - - - - | 58 | 65 |
| | Church in Nassau-street - - - - - - - | 3 | 4 |
| | Church in Market-street - - - - - - - | 41 | 74 |
| | Church at Montgomery - - - - - - - | 18 | 00 |
| | South Church, Albany - - - - - - - - | 40 | 00 |
| | Church at Kinderhook - - - - - - - | 31 | 51 |
| | Church at Cow Neck - - - - - - - - | 7 | 00 |
| Nov. 25. | Church at New-Town - - - - - - - - | 12 | 66 |
| | Church at Boomingdale - - - - - - - | 3 | 63 |
| | Church at Greenwich - - - - - - - - | 10 | 81 |
| 28. | Church at Brooklyn - - - - - - - - | 30 | 31 |
| | Church at Schenectady - - - - - - - | 24 | 00 |
| | Church at Hærlem - - - - - - - - - | 16 | 43 |
| 30. | Church at Somerville - - - - - - - - | 7 | 58 |
| | Church at Six-Mile-Run - - - - - - - | 11 | 00 |
| | Church at Shawangunk - - - - - - - | 3 | 37 |
| | Church at New-Prospect - - - - - - - | 2 | 94 |
| | Church at Argyle - - - - - - - - | 2 | 00 |
| | Cent Society at New-Town, Long-Island, for Theological Seminary - - - - | 22 | 8 |
| | Female Cent Societyat Kinderhook, Theological College - - - - - - - - - | 11 | 25 |
| Dec. 5. | Classis of Ulster, for minutes - - - - | 20 | 00 |
| 14. | Church at Pompton, for Professorate - - | 5 | 00 |
| | Church at Fairfield do. - - - | 5 | 00 |
| | Church at Pompton Plains, for do. . . . | 8 | 00 |
| | Churches at Bloomingburgh and Rome, do. | 5 | 00 |
| | Church at New-Paltz, . . . . . do. | 6 | 6 |
| | Church at New-Hurley - - - - - - - | 5 | 68 |
| 15. | Col. Henry Rutgers, for his subscription to Permanent Fund - . . . . . | 3000 | 00 |
| | Ditto for interest due on do. . . . . | 280 | 00 |
| 18. | Church at Bergen, for Professorate . . | 5 | 00 |
| | Churches at Greenbush and Blooming Grove, for Professorate . . . . . | 7 | 00 |
| | Anna Bancker, for her subscription to Permanent Fund . . . . . | 700 | 00 |

| 1820. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Dec. 18. | From ditto for interest due on same . . . . | 117 | 5 |
| 19. | Church at Flatbush, Professorate . . . | 11 | 18 |
| | Church at Flatlands do. . . . . | 2 | 25 |
| | Church at Gravesend do. . . . . | 1 | 25 |
| 20. | Church at Schaghticoke, Professorate . | 10 | 00 |
| | Cent Society at New-Brunswick, for Theological Seminary . . . , . . . | 25 | 00 |
| 21. | Church at Jamaica, Professorate . . . | 12 | 41 |
| | Church at Hackinsack do. . . . . | 3 | 69 |
| | Church at Schraalenburgh do. . . . . | 1 | 53 |
| 22. | Church at Tappan do. . . . . | 7 | 62 |
| | Churches at Kakeat and Ramapo do. . . | 3 | 65 |
| | Church at Rochester do. . . . . | 4 | 3 |
| | Church at Weevenling do. . . . . | 4 | 37 |
| | Church at Clove do. . . . . | 1 | 60 |
| 1821. | | | |
| Jan. 6. | Church at Oyster Bay do. . . . . | 3 | 00 |
| | Church at North Hempstead do. . . . . | 3 | 00 |
| 8. | Churches at Northumberland and Saratoga, for do. . . . . | 9 | 00 |
| | Classis of Washington, for minutes . . | 10 | 00 |
| 9. | Cent Society of Middle & North Churches, New-York Permanent Fund . . . | 213 | 56 |
| 15. | Church at Schenectady, for Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 15 | 00 |
| 25. | South Church, Albany, for do. . . . . | 17 | 00 |
| | Church in Garden-street do. - - - - - | 39 | 22 |
| | Isaac Heyer 1 year's interest on his subscription to Permanent Fund . . . | 35 | 00 |
| 26. | For interest on State Stock, 2 quarters - . . | 91 | 50 |
| | One quarter's interest, Canal Stock . . . | 12 | 00 |
| | From Church in Market-street, 25 cent donations | 64 | 25 |
| 29. | Church in Market-street, Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 23 | 18 |
| Feb. 1. | Female Cent Society of Hinsdale, for indigent Students . . . . . | 3 | 50 |
| | Church at Hinsdale, for Professorate . . | 5 | 00 |
| 8. | Church at Kinderhook, for Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 18 | 00 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 8. | From Church at Bedminster, for Professorate . . | 6 | 53 |
| | Middle and North Churches, New-York (25 cent donation) . . . . . | 205 | 19 |
| 12. | Church at Shawangunk, for Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 4 | 00 |
| | Church at New-Prospect, for do. . . . | 2 | 00 |
| 15. | Middle and North Churches, New-York Missionary and contingent Funds . . | 96 | 92 |
| 19. | Church at Bloomingdale, for do. . . . | 6 | 6 |
| | New-Brunswick Society to aid Theological Seminary . . . . . | 20 | 13 |
| | Church at Acquackanunk, for Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 1 | 12 |
| 20. | Church at Clarks-Town, Professorate . . | 1 | 75 |
| 21. | Church at Warwick, for Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 6 | 28 |
| 22. | Church at Montgomery do. . . . . | 15 | 00 |
| | Church at Catskill, Professorate . . . . | 20 | 38 |
| | Rev. Isaiah Y. Johnston, Agent in Classis of Rensselaer Permanent Fund . . . | 74 | 37 |
| 24. | Cent Society at Brooklyn, for Theological Seminary . . . . . | 29 | 37 |
| 26. | Church at Staten-Island, for Professorate . | 8 | 50 |
| 28. | Church at Winants Kill, for Professorate | 5 | 00 |
| | Ditto for Missionary and contingent Funds | 5 | 00 |
| Mar. 2. | Female Cent Society of Church in Garden-street, for Permanent Fund . . . | 60 | 50 |
| 3. | Church at Niskeuna, for Missionary and contingent Funds . . . . . | 4 | 00 |
| 7. | Church at Bergen Missionary Fund . . . | 8 | 00 |
| | Churches at Bethlehem and Coeymans, for Professorate . . . . . | 17 | 00 |
| | Ditto Missionary and contingent Funds | 8 | 00 |
| 8. | Church at Schralenburgh do. - - - - | 2 | 53 |
| | Church at Hackinsack do. - - - - - | 5 | 96 |
| 10. | Female Cent Society of First Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia . . . . | 73 | 00 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Mar. 10. | From Church at Brooklyn, for Missionary and contingent Funds | 21 | 63 |
| | First Reformed D. Church, in Philadelphia, for Professorate | 20 | 00 |
| | Ditto Permanent Fund | 15 | 85 |
| | Ditto Missionary Fund | 16 | 00 |
| | Ditto Contingent Fund | 4 | 00 |
| 16. | Church at Greenwich Missionary and contingent Funds | 10 | 70 |
| 21. | Church at Greenbush do. | 8 | 00 |
| | Church at Taghanick do. | 6 | 00 |
| | Female Cent Society of North West Church, for Professorate, &c. | 94 | 50 |
| 23. | Church at Aquackanunk, for contingent Fund | 2 | 00 |
| 26. | Collections in North Church, at Missionary prayer meetings | 14 | 80 |
| 31. | Church at Tappan, for Missionary and contingent Funds | 4 | 60 |
| Apl. 3. | Second Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia, for Theological College | 2 | 00 |
| | Ditto for Permanent Fund | 2 | 00 |
| | Ditto for Missionary and contingent Funds | 2 | 00 |
| 5. | From Cent Society at Belville, for Theological Seminary | 20 | 00 |
| | Church at Six-Mile-Run, for Missionary and contingent Funds | 13 | 75 |
| 6. | Church at Coxsackie Theological Seminary | 15 | 00 |
| 9. | Church at Schagticoke, for Missionary and contingent Funds | 3 | 00 |
| 10. | Church at Lebanon, New-Jersey, for Missionary and contingent Funds | 13 | 25 |
| | Ditto for Theological Seminary | 4 | 84 |
| | Ditto 25 cent donations | 7 | 75 |
| | Church at Rockaway, New-Jersey, for Missionary and contingent Funds | 4 | 59 |
| | Ditto for Theological Seminary | 3 | 00 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Apl. 16. | From do. for 25 cent donations . . . . . | 4 | 50 |
| | Female Cent Society at Bergen, for Theological Seminary . . . . . | 50 | 00 |
| | Juvenile Cent Society at Bergen, for Theological Seminary . . . . . | 13 | 50 |
| | Churches at Bloomingburgh and Rome, Missionary and contingent Funds - - | 3 | 00 |
| | Church at Hopewell do. - - - - - - - | 10 | 80 |
| | Church at New-Hackinsack do. - - - | 9 | 50 |
| | Church at do. for Theological Seminary - | 9 | 54 |
| | Female Cent Society at New-Hackinsack Theological Seminary - - - - - | 6 | 25 |
| | Rev. Thomas De Witt for minutes, from Classis of Poughkeepsie - - - - - | 8 | 00 |
| | For 1 quarter's interest on 3050 dollars State Stock - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 45 | 75 |
| | 1 quarter's do. on 800 dollars Canal Stock | 12 | 00 |
| | From Female Missionary Society at Coxsakie Missionary Fund - - - - - - - - | 33 | 00 |
| 18. | Church at Fordham, for Professorate - - | 4 | 25 |
| | Ditto for Missionary and contingent Funds | 4 | 00 |
| 20. | Churches of Third and Fourth Wards Schenectady, for Theological Seminary - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 2 | 50 |
| | Ditto for Missionary and contingent Funds | 2 | 38 |
| | Church at Cortland-Town Professorate - | 2 | 00 |
| 26. | For 3 quarters interest on 700 dollars City Stock | 31 | 50 |
| | 1 quarter's interest on 3400 dollars United States Stock - - - - - - - - - - | 51 | 00 |
| May 1. | From Churches at Mahackamack and Minisink, for Professorate - - - - - - - - - | 4 | 00 |
| | Ditto for Missionary Fund - - - - - | 3 | 00 |
| 2. | Female Cent Society at Hillsborough, for Theological Seminary - - - - - | 17 | 50 |
| 3. | Church at Somerville, Missionary and contingent Funds - - - - - - - - - | 10 | 00 |
| 4. | Classis of Paramus, on account of minutes | 8 | 00 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| May. 4. | From Dr. Peter Wilson, Agent in Classis of Bergen, for Permanent Fund - - - - | 211 | 94 |
| 7. | Church at New-Hurley, Missionary Fund | 3 | 3 |
| | Church at New-Paltz do. - - - - - - - | 4 | 25 |
| 8. | Church at Brooklyn, Permanent Fund - | 19 | 32 |
| 10. | Church in Market street do. - - - - - - | 21 | 4 |
| | Church at Fordham, do. - - - - - - | 4 | 28 |
| | Second Church in Albany do - - - - - | 18 | 83 |
| | Female Cent Society of Second Church, Albany, for Theological Seminary - | 78 | 00 |
| 15. | Church at Hærlam, Permanent Fund - - | 14 | 11 |
| | Cent Society, at Hærlem, for Theological Seminary - - - - - - - - - - - - | 17 | 69 |
| | For 1 year's dividend on Bergen Turnpike Stock, from Rev. W. Eltinge - - - - - - - | 15 | 00 |
| | From Church at Totowa, for Professorate - - | 4 | 2 |
| | Ditto for Missionary and contingent Funds | 4 | 0 |
| | Ditto for Permanent Fund - - - - - - | 4 | 4 |
| | Church at New-Brunswick, for Theological Seminary - - - - - - - - - - - | 11 | 76 |
| 17. | Female Cent Society, at Hopewell, for Theological Seminary - - - - - - | 18 | 50 |
| | Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, North Church, Schraalenburgh - - - - - - - - | 5 | 00 |
| | Same for Church, at Hackinsack - - - | 4 | 31 |
| 18. | Middle Church, in New-York, for Permanent Fund - - - - - - - - - - - | 51 | 10 |
| 19. | Classis of Bergen, for minutes of Synod - | 20 | 00 |
| 22. | Church at Montgomery, for Permanent Fund - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 16 | 00 |
| | Church at Warwick, for do. - - - - - - | 5 | 00 |
| | Francis Lansing, Treasurer of Boght Cent Society, for Theological Seminary - | 20 | 00 |
| 26. | Church at Fairfield, New-Jersey, for Missionary and contingent Funds - - - | 3 | 70 |
| | Two monthly collections in North Church, New-York, for Missionary Fund - - | 27 | 6 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| May 28. | From North Church, New-York, for Permanent Fund - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 21 | 69 |
| 30. | Church at Harlingen Missionary Fund - | 11 | 58 |
| | Do. a fourth annual subscription for 5 years, Theological Seminary - - - - - | 42 | 50 |
| | Cent Society of Curch at Harlingen, for Theological Seminary - - - - - | 7 | 68 |
| 31. | Rev. C. C. Cuyler, collected by him in his Agency, in the Classis of Albany - - | 45 | 00 |
| | Cent Society of the Church at Brooklyn, Theological Seminary - - - - - | 60 | 34 |
| | Church in Garden-street, their annual donation for 5 years - - - - - - - - | 200 | 00 |
| | *Amount of Credits, Dlls.* | 10,035 | 36 |

## DEBITS.

| 1820. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 5. | To Cash paid Professor Ludlow 1 quarter's salary - - - - - - - - - | 387 | 50 |
| 17. | Do. paid Professor Livingston, balance due him to June 1st instant - - - | 425 | 00 |
| July 3. | Do. paid George Forman, for printing minutes - - - - - - - - - | 135 | 50 |
| Aug. 28. | Do. paid Abraham Paul, for printing reports of Board of Corporation | 25 | 97 |
| Sep. 6. | Do. paid Professor Ludlow 1 quarter's salary - - - - - - - - - - - - | 387 | 50 |
| 22. | Do. paid Rev. S. S. Woodhull amount expended by him as Clerk of Synod | 20 | 00 |
| | Do. paid G. B. Vroom, expenses incurred while Treasurer of Synod - | 15 | 00 |
| Oct. 10. | Do. paid Rev. C. Bork, and Rev. Dr. Milledoler, expenses as Delegates to German Synod - - - - - - | 109 | 00 |

DEBITS, Continued.

| 1820. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Oct. 16. | To Cash paid expenses of the members of Board of Corporation to New-Brunswick, and back on business of Synod - - - - - - - - - - | 39 | 25 |
| | Ditto paid A. Paul, for printing circulars - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 6 | 68 |
| | Ditto paid James Romeyn, for services at Poughkeepsie - - - - - - | 50 | 00 |
| Nov. 6. | Ditto paid Rev. John Knox, expenses incurred as Clerk of General Synod | 18 | 00 |
| | Ditto paid R. Henry, door-keeper of Synod, in Albany - - - - - - | 22 | 55 |
| 7. | Ditto paid John I. Westervelt, Treasurer, Committee of Missions - - | 300 | 00 |
| 8. | Ditto for 800 dollars, Canal Stock, at 8 1-4 per cent - - - - - - - - | 868 | 16 |
| 13. | Ditto for Seal of Corporation - - - | 25 | 00 |
| 27. | Ditto paid James Romeyn, services and expenses at Argyle - - - - | 32 | 43 |
| Dec. 28. | Ditto paid Professor Livingston, 1 quarter's salary, due 1st Sept. - - | 437 | 50 |
| 1821. | | | |
| Jan. 6. | Ditto paid Professor Ludlow, 1 quarter's salary, due 1st Dec. - - - - | 387 | 50 |
| 25. | Ditto paid for 3500 dollars, U. States Stock, at 8 1-2 per cent - - - - | 3789 | 45 |
| Feb. 3. | Ditto paid Rev. I. A. Van Hook, on an Agency - - - - - - - - - - | 50 | 00 |
| 24. | Ditto paid Rev. I. Y. Johnston, for services as Agent - - - - - - | 25 | 00 |
| Mar. 1. | Ditto paid Professor Livingston, 1 quarter's salary, due 1st Dec. last | 437 | 50 |
| 10. | Ditto paid Professor Ludlow, 1 quarter's salary, due 1st March - - - | 387 | 50 |
| Apl. 4. | Ditto paid John I. Westervelt, Treasurer, Committee of Missions | 187 | 60 |

DEBITS, Continued.

| 1820. | | Dlls. | Cts. | |
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| Apl. 21. | To Cash paid Geo. Forman, for printing minutes of General Synod - - | 79 | 50 | |
| May 22. | Ditto paid Rev. John Knox, for having minutes transcribed, &c. - - | 5 | 40 | |
| 25. | Ditto paid Professor Livingston, balance salary, to 1st March - - - | 237 | 50 | |
| 31. | Ditto paid Rev. P. N. Strong, for services as Secretary of Board of Corporation - - - - - - - - - - | 125 | 00 | |
| | Ditto paid on account of an order of Board of Superintendants, for Indigent Students, for 800 dollars - - | 500 | 00 | |
| | *Total paid out* | 9516 | 99 | |
| | *Balance in Treasury* | | | 518 37 |

ISAAC HEYER, Treasurer.

*New-York, June 1st*, 1821.

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*The following is the* Annual Digest, *prepared by the Board, in obedience to the order of the Synod, viz.—*

I. As to the Van Bunschoten Fund.

The Board have nothing to state relative to this Fund, in addition to what was stated in the last Digest, excepting that on the 16th of May last, there was a balance of interest in the hands of the Treasurer of Queens College, amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - - $854 82

We respectfully remind Synod of the propriety of their recommending some persons to receive aid from this Fund.

II. As to the Professoral Fund.

The Board have nothing to state relative to this Fund, in addition to what was stated in the last Digest, excepting that on the 16th of May last, there was a balance of interest in the hands of the Treasurer of Queens College, amounting to $19 78; and that from June 1st, 1820, to June 1st, 1821, there has been paid to the Professor of Theology, $400 from this Fund.

### III. Legacy of the late Miss Rebecca Knox.

The Board have received no information, in relation to this Legacy.

We respectfully suggest, that General Synod request of the Trustees to direct their Treasurer to furnish this Corporation with an annual statement, made up to the 20th of May, of the several Funds in their hands in which the Synod are interested, in order that the same may be exhibited to Synod at their stated meetings in June of each year, in connection with the other monied concerns of the Church.

### IV. Indigent Students.

A draft in behalf of Indigent Students from the Board of Superintendants, for the sum of $800 has been presented to the Treasurer, of which $500 has been paid, and the remainder will be forwarded whenever the Funds will admit.

### V. Permanent Fund.

The amount of this Fund is,

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| In stock of the State of New-York, at 6 per cent - - | $ 3850 00 |
| Do. Corporation of the City of New-York - - | 700 00 |
| In United States Stock - - - - - - - - - - - - | 3500 00 |
| In Individual Obligations - - - - - - - - - - - | 1000 00 |
| Balance in the hands of the Treasurer - - - - - - | 555 95 |
| Amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | $ 9605 95 |
| And its annual product will be about - - - - - - - - | 640 00 |

### VI. The Proceeds from Printing the Constitution.

This money has been collected up to the 3rd day of July last.

### VII. Collections in the Churches.

During the past year, there has been received from this source,

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| For the Theological College - - - - - - - - - - | $ 915 20 |
| For the Missionary and contingent Funds - - - - - | 901 74 |
| For the Permanent Fund - - - - - - - - - - - | 193 26 |

### VIII. Cent Societies.

The receipts from these during the past year have been $ 1317 54, of which $ 294 6 was for the Permanent Fund, and $ 43 50 for Indigent Students.

### IX. Subscriptions made in 1815.

Measures have been taken for the collection of these subscriptions.

### X. The Minutes of General Synod.

On this subject the Board have taken the necessary measures.

### XI. The Contingent Fund.

On this Fund have been received $ 435 28, and paid $ 626 85, since the last Digest.

This Fund is chargeable with a debt to the Missionary Fund of $ 410 28. It appears very necessary, that Synod pursue some measures without delay, to increase the receipts on this Fund, and enable the Corporation to repay the debt due to the Missionary Fund.

### XII. The Donation of the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge.

The dividend on this donation for the two last years has been received, during the present year, amounting to $ 30.

### XIII. Balances of Accounts.

There are the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz.—

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| On the Permanent Fund account - - - - - - - - | $ 555 95 |
| On the Missionary Fund do. - - - - - - - - - - | 148 55 |
| Applicable to other purposes - - - - - - - - - - | 313 87 |
| Amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | $ 1018 37 |
| But of this has been paid on the 31st of May for Indigent Students - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 500 00 |
| Leaving a balance of - - - - - - - - - - - - | $ 518 37 |

### XIV. Debts of General Synod.

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| To the Missionary Fund as stated in the last report - | $ 410 28 |
| To the Rev. Dr. Livingston, which will be in full to the 1st June - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 437 50 |
| To the Rev. Mr. Ludlow do. - - - - - - - - - | 387 50 |
| Cash in the Treasury, belonging to the Permanent Fund | 555 95 |
| | $ 1791 23 |

XV. Estimate of Expenses of General Synod from June 1st, 1821, to June 1st, 1822.

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| 1. Payment of debts, as mentioned in the preceding article | $ 1791 23 |
| 2. Salaries of two Professors for the year | 3300 00 |
| 3. For Indigent Students, (in addition to what may be paid by the Trustees of Queens College) about | 800 00 |
| 4. For contingent expenses, about | 650 00 |
| | $ 6541 23 |

XVI. Estimate of Receipts from June 1st, 1821, to June 1st, 1822, to meet the above Expenses under existing arrangements.

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| 1. From the Professoral Fund | $ 700 00 |
| 2. On the Permanent Fund | 640 00 |
| 3. On Mr. Eltinge's donation | 15 00 |
| 4. From Cent Societies, not in aid of the Permanent Fund | 800 00 |
| 5. From Classes for printed minutes | 150 00 |
| 6. From collections for the contingent Fund | 400 00 |
| 7. From other collections | 1000 00 |
| 8. Add the balance in the Treasury | 518 37 |
| | $ 4223 37 |

The Rev. Mr. Woodhull has been duly authorised by the Board of Corporation to receive, while at Albany, any monies payable to the Treasurer, during the present session of the General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*
ISAAC L. KIP,
G. B. VROOM,
S. S. WOODHULL, } *Directors.*
ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, June 1st,* 1821.

The Committee to whom the above document was referred, brought in their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Corporation to the General Synod, respectfully *report*,

That they have carefully examined their report, and are happy to state, that through the past year, the Board have been diligently attending to the important duties assigned them.

The Committee exceedingly regret to learn from the report of the Board, that the Agents appointed to collect monies for the Theological Seminary, have met with very little success; and that many Churches are noticed by the Board as having neglected to take up the collections ordered by General Synod at their last annual meeting. The Committee cannot omit expressing their surprise, that so many congregations should show such a manifest disregard to the order of Synod, and to the dearest interests of the Church; and it is sincerely hoped, that the Board of Corporation, will not be under the necessity of presenting a like list of delinquents to any subsequent Synod. That such necessity may be prevented. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That the same resolutions be continued in force which were adopted in June last, for the purpose of raising Funds.

2. That the Board of Corporation be requested by Synod to issue a circular letter to the Churches under the care of this Synod, signed by the President and Clerk of the Board, urging upon them the importance and necessity of these collections.

And, whereas, the Board of Corporation have not succeeded in their exertions to obtain a final settlement with the Trustees of Queens College, by an amicable arrangement, and have judged it expedient not to resort to legal measures until the sentiments of this Synod should have been obtained; and as your Committee are of opinion, that another attempt should be made to obtain such a settlement of differences between this Synod and the Trustees of Queens College, they take the liberty of recommending to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five persons, not members of the Board of Corporation be appointed, who shall be instructed and empowered to negotiate with the Board of Trustees in relation to the matters in controversy with said Trustees, and to bring the

same to an amicable adjustment; and in case the said Committee can agree on such adjustment with the Trustees, that the Committee shall then report their proceedings to the Board of Corporation, who shall be empowered to do all acts to execute the same on the part of the Synod, if in their discretion the Board of Corporation shall deem such arrangement consistent with the equitable rights and interests of this Synod.

The Committee perceive from the report of the Board of Corporation, that no regular statement *in detail* is made to them by the Trustees of Queens College, of the several Funds in their hands in which the Synod is interested, so as to present to the Synod at their annual meeting, an accurate account of all the monied concerns of that body; and as the Committee think it of great importance, that such a statement should be annually made; therefore, your Committee recommend for adoption, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the General Synod respectfully request of the Board ot Trustees of Queens College, to direct their Treasurer to furnish the Board of Corporation with an annual and detailed statement made up to the 20th of May, of the several Funds in their hands in which the Synod are interested, in order that the same may be exhibited to Synod at their stated meetings in June of each year.

All which are submitted.

JACOB BRODHEAD, *Chairman.*

The resolutions of 1820, which by the preceding report are recommended to the attention of the Churches under the care of Synod, are the following:—

"*Resolved*, That collections be taken up in all the Churches connected with this Synod, on the first Sabbath of November, for the Theological College; on the first Sabbath in May, for the Permanent Fund; on the first Sabbath in January, for the Missionary and contingent Funds; and that these collections must and *shall* be taken up on *those days*, unless prevented by imperious circumstances, and in such cases that they be made as soon after as possible, if *only* a *dollar* be collected; and that the monies collected under this injunction, be transmitted to the Treasurer of Synod, immediately after the collections are made. Your Committee recommend, that the execution of this injunction be committed to the

Board of Corporation; that it be their duty to write a circular letter to all the Churches, enclosing a copy of this injunction; and, that, should any of the Churches not render their report to the Corporation, in a reasonable time after the collections are directed to be made, such Churches be marked on the records, and reported as delinquent to the Synod, and be subject to such censure as the Synod may deem proper to inflict."

"*Resolved*, That it be enjoined on all the inferior judicatories, in order to further the plans of General Synod, to inquire regularly into these collections, and report the result to the Board of Corporation."

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be instructed and empowered to employ Agents for obtaining additions to the Permanent Fund; and that such Agents be recommended by this Synod to the attention of the Churches where they may be employed on this work of Christian charity; and that it be earnestly enjoined upon all the Churches under the care of this Synod, who have not already adopted the measure, to institute Cent Societies, for the support of the Theological School; and that the Consistories of the Churches be requested to take prompt and efficient measures, from time to time, for the encouragement and support of such as are already organized."

"*Resolved*, That this Synod recommend, that every member of the Reformed Dutch Church *identify himself* or *herself* with the Church, by a small donation yearly, (say 25 cents or more.) That for this purpose a book be provided by each congregation, and the name of the *donor* and amount of the yearly donation be inserted in this book; that this be adopted not as a *tax*, but as a strong recommendatory measure from the Synod to the Churches; that, as to the mode of its collection, it be paid in the different Churches on the last Sabbath in December, notice to be given from the pulpits to that effect; and that the names of the donors, with the sums paid, after being registered, be transmitted to the Board of Corporation."

The Rev. *Thomas De Witt*, *Cornelius C. Cuyler*, and *James M. Mathews*; and the Elders, Messrs. *Peter H. Wendover*, and *Abraham Van Nest*, were appointed a Committee, to negotiate with the Board of Trustees of Queens College, as contemplated in a preceding resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. J. F. Schemerhorn, I. Ferris, J. Murphy, and the Elder, Mr. P. H. Wendover, be a Committee to report to this Synod a nomination of three times the number of persons, who shall constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

This Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation; when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Mr. G. B. Vroom, Rev. S. S. Woodhull, and Mr. I. L. Kip were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Heyer was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

The door-keeper's bill amounting to $ 10 50, and a bill for stationary, amounting to $ 3 37 1-2 were presented, and ordered to be paid.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Correspondence.*

The Rev. Lewis F. Meyer, and Albert Helfenstein being present, and producing testimonials of their appointment by the German Synod, took their seats, as corresponding members of this Synod.

The Rev. Ebenezer K. Maxwell, appeared on the floor of Synod, and having produced his credentials, took his seat as a Commissioner from the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church.

The Delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The undersigned appointed to attend a meeting of the German Reformed Synod, held in September last, at Hagers-Town, Maryland, *report*,

That they attended said meeting, and were cordially received by their German brethren.

That said Synod did at that meeting take measures for organizing a Theological School, which your Delegates have since learned, has been located at Frederic, in Maryland.

That they appointed the Rev. Messrs. Lewis Mayer, and Albert Helfenstein, their Delegates, to the next meeting of our General Synod.

Your Delegates hope, that the friendly connection now subsist-

ing between the two bodies, may be long and affectionately cherished.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHRISTIAN BORK,
PHILIP MILLEDOLER.

The minutes of the proceedings of the German Reformed Church, at their meeting in September last, held at Hagers-Town, Maryland, were laid upon the table of Synod.

*Resolved*, That said minutes be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A certified extract from the minutes of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, at their session on the 17th May last, was received, of which the following is a copy:—

"*Resolved*, That it will not promote, as was intended by this Synod, the ends of common edification, to press the question of the aforesaid union;" (viz. with the Reformed Dutch Church) "and that this Synod decline, for the present, all further proceedings relative thereto; resting satisfied with the continuance of the established plan of intercourse and correspondence."

In relation to the subject of union with the Associate Reformed Church, referred to the different Classes in October last, official information was received that the Classes of Poughkeepsie, Rensselaer, Washington, Albany, Montgomery, Ulster, and New-Brunswick, had resolved unanimously in favour of the said union. From information received through Delegates on the floor of Synod, it appeared, that the Classis of Philadelphia had also unanimously resolved in favour of the union; and that the Classes of New-York and Bergen, had decided against it. The Classis of Paramus has not acted on the subject; and from the Classis of Long-Island, no information was received.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Brodhead be appointed a Commissioner from this Synod, to attend the next meeting of the General Synod, of the Associate Reformed Church; and that the Rev. J. M. Mathews, be appointed his *secundus*.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Thomas De Witt, and C. D. Westbrook, be appointed as Delegates from this Synod, to attend the Synod of the Reformed German Church, to be convened at Reading, Pennsylvania, on the last Sabbath of September, 1821; and

that the Rev. C. T. Demarest, and R. A. Westervelt be their *secundi.*

No further report from the Committee appointed in June last, on the subject of a complaint made by certain members of the Associate Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh, against the conduct of the Classis of Ulster, in organizing a Dutch Church within their bounds, being received:—

*Resolved*, That said Committee be required to report to Synod, at its next stated meeting, a full statement of the important facts, on which Synod are to found their decision in the case.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Correspondence, beg leave to report, that the Correspondence between the Synods of the German Reformed Church, the Associate Reformed Church, and this Body, continues to be conducted in the spirit of Christian harmony and confidence; and your Committee find no cause to suggest any further measures in relation to this subject.

P. LABAGH, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Synodical Reports on the state of the Churches.*

The Committee on *the state of Religion* reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the state of religion, *report*,

That the principle sources from whence they can derive any information on the important subject of their appointment are the minutes of the Particular Synods, containing the reports of the several Classes. Those minutes your Committee have carefully examined, and rejoice, that they are enabled to communicate to the General Synod, that they contain intelligence of such a nature, as to inspire a heart-cheering hope that the Lord has not forsaken our Zion.

They have also taken into their view such information as has been otherwise received; although, not perhaps the immediate and specific object for which the standing Committee on religion has been appointed; yet it is deemed to be within the scope of the duty assigned them to exhibit to the Synod, whatever is connected with the state of the Churches.

They conceive it to be matter not foreign to their duty to remark,

That they contemplated with the Associate Reformed Churches having failed the usual friendly correspondence and intercourse is continued with that and other sister Churches, your Committee deem this to be a measure tending in no small degree to promote the cause of religion, to strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of all who love the truth, as presenting a bolder front, and erecting a stronger standard against the common enemy.

As connected also with the immediate object of their appointment, they deem it their duty to notice, that with the exception of a few instances of a limited and local nature, the Churches have peace, and purity of doctrine is maintained.

Notwithstanding there remains cause to deplore the existence of any such instances; notwithstanding the prevalence in too great a degree of a worldly spirit; of a disregard of the sacred institutions of religion, by many; the mere formality of a multitude of professors; the inconsistent and unholy walk and conversation of others who have named the name of Christ: and, notwithstanding sins of various and aggravated character abound, yet the friends of Zion have cause of gratitude and praise. We have tokens for good—the Lord's arm is not shortened—with Him is the residue of the spirit—from His holy hill the ascended Saviour fulfils his promise —He sends the comforter and convinces of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment—He quickens the dead—the dry bones live

Your Committee beg leave to notice the continued success of the Theological Seminary; the object of the prayers and efforts of those pious fathers of the American Church, whose memories we cherish with pleasing recollection. They desired the sight, but have not seen it. From that fountain we behold streams issuing which make glad the city of God—the wants of the Churches are diminishing—the waste places are built, and the proportion of labourers rapidly advancing to meet the calls of the harvest.

As far as your Committee are able to collect, they state with much gratification, that the general aspect of the Church seems to brighten. With the watchman they can answer, the morning is come, although yet it is night. There is a visible increasing attention to the ordinances of religion. There is reason to hope, nay more, firmly to believe, that the Lord has made bare his arm,

and that more than form, the *power* of godliness is felt extensively and increasingly. They deem it proper to do more than make their communication in general terms, they enter into some detail. Within the Particular Synod of Albany: throughout the whole of the Classis of Rensselaer, there appears life from the dead, particularly in the congregation of Kinderhook and Claverack.

In the congregation of Coxackie, unusual accessions have been made, and sinners are flocking to Zion and Zion's King, like doves to their windows.

Within the bounds of the Particular Synod of New-York, in the congregations of Hempstead and Clarks-Town, the Lord has revived his work, and large numbers have been added to the Church; and the reports from Churches throughout the extent of that Synod, inspire a pleasing and animating hope.

Your Committee regret, that from the scantiness of their means, they have not been able to give a more particular specified detail, and would only observe farther, that a spirit of prayer, conferences for mutual edification and comfort, joining themselves to the Lord in covenant by confessing the Lord Jesus, and commemorating his dying love, reformation from former sinful habits and practices, and a general attention to the means of grace are the concomitant evidences and fruits of those awakenings.

J. V. C. ROMEYN, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Synodical Appeals.*

The following appeals from the decisions of the Particular Synod of Albany, in the case of the Rev. Dr. J. M. Bradford, were laid upon the table of Synod, by the President of said Particular Synod.

" To the Rev. A. N. Kittle, President of the Particular Synod of Albany.

The Rev. John M. Bradford, sheweth, that he feels himself aggrieved by the proceedings of the Particular Synod, upon his *two* appeals, from the decisions of the Classis of Albany; the one suspending him indefinitely from the duties of the office of the gospel ministry, and the other dissolving the Pastoral connection between him and the Church of Albany.

The reasons of his appeal from the Particular Synod to the General Synod, are the same, with two exceptions, with those which appear on the minutes of the Classis, and the Particular Synod of Albany. To these the appellant refers, and from these, with others, which he may urge, he hopes upon a revisal, to obtain his rights from the General Synod.

JOHN M. BRADFORD."

The Rev. Dr. Bradford appeared before Synod to prosecute his appeal, and the Synod, *resolved*, That Dr. Bradford be allowed to be heard by counsel. William A. Duer esq. was introduced as Dr. Bradford's counsel.

Rev. Messrs. Bronk and Schemerhorn, and Abraham Van Vechten, esq. appeared before Synod, and were accredited as Commissioners from the Particular Synod of Albany, to defend the decisions of said Synod, in the matters of the above recited appeal.

The Synod proceeded in the consideration of the said appeal, in the following order:—

1. The *appeal*, and the *reasons* of the appeal were read.
2. The *documents*, in relation to the case were read.
3. The *appellant* was heard.
4. The *respondent* was heard.
5. The *appellant* was heard in *reply*.

The Synod then proceeded to *deliberate* and *decide* on the merits of the appeal, *excluding such members as had voted in the case either in Classis, or Particular Synod.*

It was then moved, and seconded, that Synod adopt the following resolution, viz.—

*Resolved*, That the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Bradford, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, confirming the decision of the Classis of Albany, declaring him guilty of repeated instances of inebriety, or intoxication; and suspending him indefinitely from his office, be, and hereby is *sustained; because the proceedings of the Classis, were irregular to a degree, to invalidate their decision.*

The *question* on this resolution being taken, it was decided in the *negative*.

The votes were as follows:—

*Yeas*,—Mathews, J. V. C. Romeyn, Vedder, Murphy, Paige, R. Sluyter, H. Ostrander, Lansing, Becker, Schoonmaker, and Emerick.—11.

*Nays*,—Knox, Zabriskie, Van Vranken, Fræligh, Labagh, Thos. De Witt, Fonda, Westervelt, Brinkerhoff, Ferris, Brodhead, J. I. Ostrander, Delemater, J. D. Romaine, Hulst, Van Dyck, Clarke, N. Sluyter, Duryea, Wendover, and Van Aulen.—21.

It was then moved and seconded, that Synod adopt the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Bradford from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, confirming the decision of the Classis of Albany, declaring him guilty of repeated instances of inebriety, or intoxication; and suspending him indefinitely from his office, be, and hereby is *sustained; because, the charge is not made out by evidence.* The question on this resolution being taken, it was decided in the *negative.*

The votes were as follows :—

*Yeas*,—Mathews, J. V. C. Romeyn, Van Vranken, Vedder, Murphy, Paige, R. Sluyter, H. Ostrander, Lansing, Becker, Schoonmaker, and Emerick.—12.

*Nays*,—Fræligh, Labagh, Thomas De Witt, Fonda, Westervelt, Brinkerhoff, Ferris Brodhead, J. I. Ostrander, Delemater, J. D. Romaine, Hulst, Van Dyck, Clarke, N. Sluyter, Duryea, Wendover, Van Aulen.—18.

It was then moved, and seconded, that Synod adopt the following resolution :—

*Resolved.* That the second appeal of the Rev. Dr. Bradford, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, confirming the decision of the Classis of Albany, dissolving the Pastoral connection between him, and the Church of Albany be, and hereby is *sustained.*

The question on this resolution being taken, it was decided in the *affirmative.*

The votes were as follows :—

*Yeas*,—Mathews, Knox, J. V. C. Romeyn, Zabriskie, Van Vranken, Labagh, Thomas De Witt, Vedder, Murphy, Paige, Ferris, R. Sluyter, H. Ostrander, Brodhead, Lansing, Van Dyck, Becker, Wendover, Schoonmaker, Emerick.—20.

*Nays*,—Fræligh, Fonda, Westervelt, Brinkerhoff, J. I. Ostrander, Delameter, J. D. Romaine, Hulst, Clarke, N. Sluyter, Duryea, Van Aulen.—12.

The following resolution was then adopted, viz.—

*Resolved*, That the Classis of Albany be, and they hereby are ad-

vised to proceed to dissolve the Pastoral connection between the congregation of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church, in the City of Albany, and the Rev. Dr. Bradford.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Synodical References.*

The Committee on Synodical minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Synodical minutes,

Report, That they find on the minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, at their session in the City of Albany, in May last, the following subjects claiming the attention of this Synod.

I. A recommendation of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, that the Particular Synods be abolished, in the words following:—

The Classis of Poughkeepsie recommend to General Synod, the abolition of the Particular Synods, for the following reasons:—

1. The annual meetings of the General Synod, and the meetings of the Classis, call the ministers away from their congregations so frequently, as to make the additional claims of the Particular Synods, grievous to the congregations on the score of the loss of service, and to the ministers on the score of expense, and loss of time.

2. The Particular Synods are not necessary; for every business of importance, is generally, and most conveniently referred by them to the General Synod.

3. If the Particular Synods be abolished, the Delegates to General Synod, will be more immediately appointed by the respective Classes, and will give us a more perfect representative government.

4. The abolition of the Particular Synods, will bring before the General Synod, more expeditiously, and more fully the reports on the state of religion in our Churches.

II. A question proposed by the Classis of Washington, which is referred to this Synod, for decision in the following words:—

The Classis of Washington, beg leave to hand up through Particular Synod, to General Synod, the following reference for decision of the General Synod, viz. In cases of discipline, are we to deal with a member of the Great Consistory, according to the rules prescribed in the Constitution, for dealing with an acting member of Consistory?

III. A resolution of the Classis of Montgomery in relation to the case of the Rev. Nicholas Jones, referred to this Synod, by the Particular Synod, in the following words:—

"That Mr. N. Jones having renounced the Reformed Dutch Church and all jurisdiction of Classis and Synods over him, and declared himself independent; on which the Classes passed the following:"—

"Whereas the Constitution recommends, that whenever difficult cases arise in the inferior judicatories of the Church that they should be referred to the higher; therefore *resolved*, That the whole case as now presented before Classis, be referred to General Synod for their advice in the case."

IV. Certain resolutions with recitals of the Particular Synod, declining to form a new Classes agreeably to the directions of the General Synod, in the following words:—

"Whereas, the ecclesiastical assemblies of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, are by the Constitution of the Church, divided into Consistories, Classes, Particular Synods, and a General Synod. And, whereas, the higher assemblies are vested with an appellate jurisdiction and supervising power over the acts and proceedings of the lower assemblies. And, whereas, such supervising power can be exercised constitutionally only on a regular appeal or reference from the lower to the higher assemblies, and is limited to the subject of the appeal or reference; lest, otherwise, under colour of appeals or references, the higher assemblies should assume original jurisdiction in all cases, and thus concentrate the whole efficient government of the Church in the higher to the exclusion of the lower assemblies, and thereby defeat the salutary constitutional provisions relative to appeals. And, whereas, the 39th Explanatory Article vests the power of forming new congregations, and settling the boundaries of congregations in the Classes. And the 52nd Explanatory Article vests the power of forming new Particular Synods, and settling the boundaries of Particular Synods in the General Synod. And, whereas, the 36th original rule of Church government, declares that a Classis hath the same jurisdiction over a Consistory which a Particular Synod has over a Classis, and the General Synod over a Particular Synod. And, whereas, it is a necessary and obvious deduction from the last mentioned rule, that the power of forming a new Classis and settling the boundaries of

Classis, is vested in the Particular Synod in as much as that power is not embraced in the particular powers vested by the aforesaid Explanatory Articles in the Classes and General Synod. And, whereas, the latter power, has uniformly been exercised by the Particular Synods, subject to the appellate jurisdiction of the General Synod. And, whereas, it is the bounden duty of the respective ecclesiastical assemblies, to assert and maintain their constitutional authority, and resist in a respectful manner any entrenchment upon it. And, whereas, the General Synod in October last, passed a resolution, directing this Particular Synod to form and organize a new Classis within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery, in the manner specified in the said resolution, without any previous application having been made on the subject to this Synod; wherefore, *resolved*, That this Particular Synod, considers itself constrained by imperious duty to protest against the said direction of the General Synod, as an entrenchment upon the original jurisdiction of this Synod; and respectfully solicit the General Synod, at its next meeting, to revise and annul the said resolution."

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Synod, the formation of a new Classis, directed by the aforesaid resolution is inexpedient, in as much as the recent conduct of one of the ministers, directed to be included in the said new Classis, manifests a spirit of insubordination to, and disrespect for, the authority of the Dutch Church, and the formation and organization of such new Classis might be productive of very injurious consequences.

The Committee do not find any thing on the minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, requiring the attention of this Synod.

HERMAN VEDDER,
C. T. DEMAREST,
J. I. OSTRANDER.

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report, as relates to the abolition of the Particular Synods, be referred to the Rev. J. M. Mathews, H. Vedder, and the Elder, Mr. T. N. Clarke.

*Resolved*, That the question proposed by the Classis of Washington, respecting the mode of proceeding in cases of discipline, affecting a member of the great Consistory, be answered in the *negative*.

*Resolved*, That so much as relates to the case of the Rev. N. Jones, be referred to the Rev. S. A. Van Vranken, H. Ostrander, I. Ferris, and the Elders, P. H. Wendover, and M. Schoonmaker.

*Resolved*, That so much of said report as relates to the division of the Classis of Montgomery, be referred to Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, Dr. Brodhead, and the Elder, T. N. Clarke. The Rev. I. Y. Johnston, and J. De Witt, were afterwards added to the Committee.

The Committee to whom the reference of the Particular Synod of Albany, in the case of the Rev. N. Jones, was committed, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Committee on Synodical minutes, as relates to the case of the Rev. N. Jones, referred for advice by the Classis of Montgomery, beg leave to report, that they have particularly examined the communication of Mr. J. to the congregations of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck, and finding there a collection of contempt and insult cast upon the Church, an unceremonious and unchristian renunciation of all Church order, and an attempt to entice the congregations from duty, they recommend the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the Classis of Montgomery be advised to proceed to the immediate strict and discipline of Mr. Jones: *also*,

*Resolved*, That a Pastoral letter be addressed by the Synod to the Consistories and congregations of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck, with design, to warn them from being led away by the seductions of their late Pastor, and to confirm them in those principles of order, which form the brightest ornaments of the christian Church.

SAMUEL A. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Isaiah Y. Johnston, Peter Labagh, and the Elder, Mr. M. A. Emerick, were appointed the Committee to draught a Pastoral letter to the Consistories of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck.

The Committee, to whom the subject of a division of the Classis of Montgomery was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to report on the subject of the protest of the Particular Synod of Albany, relative to the division of the Classis of Montgomery into two Classes, beg leave to *report*,

That they cordially approve of the correctness of the reasons assigned in the report of the Committee of the Particular Synod, and which report was accepted by that Synod.

They recommend to the General Synod, the adoption of the following resolution, viz.—

Whereas, the constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church, distinctly assigns to each judicatory in that Church its peculiar powers; and, whereas it is plainly to be inferred from the provisions of said constitution, and the practice grounded thereon, that to the Particular Synods belongs the formation of New Classes.

Therefore, *resolved*, That the resolution of the General Synod at their last meeting, directing the Particular Synod of Albany to divide the Classis of Montgomery into two Classes, be, and hereby is rescinded.

J. V. C. ROMEYN, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Church Government.*

The Committee, to whom the subject of abolishing the Particular Synods, (see article 8,) was referred, reported as follows:—

The repeated efforts which have been made to obtain either the abolition or a new organization of the Particular Synods, is a proof that these judicatories in their present form are productive of no sensible advantage to many of our Churches. Your Committee, therefore, would recommend to the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That in the sense of this Synod, the abolition of the Particular Synods is desirable, and that they recommend to the Classes this alteration to their consideration for their consent to the same, and request them to send up such decision to the next stated meeting of General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That if the Particular Synods be abolished, the different Classes shall appoint their Delegates to General Synod.

JAMES. M. MATHEWS, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the above report, be deferred, until the next stated meeting of Synod.

(See also the second resolution under article 8.)

## ARTICLE X.

### *Doctrines and Morals.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

### *Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### *Queens College.*

(See article 4.)

## ARTICLE XIV.

### *Professorate.*

The period for which the Board of Superintendants was elected, having expired, the Synod proceeded to a new election; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were chosen to form the Board of Superintendants of the Theological College, until the meeting of General Synod, which shall be in 1824, viz.—

Rev. John De Witt, Cornelius C. Cuyler, Thomas De Witt, David Parker, Philip Duryea, Dr. Philip Milledoler, Dr. Jacob Brodhead, J. M. Mathews, William M'Murray, S. S. Woodhull, J. S. Vredenbergh, Charles Hardenbergh, J. L. Zabriskie, J. V. C. Romeyn, and Peter Labagh.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Professorate, beg leave to *report*,

The report of the Board of Superintendants presents to this Synod, a view of the operations and state of our Seminary during the year past. The Board were unable at their stated session in September last, to form a quorum for the transaction of business. As the regularity of their stated meetings is necessary duly to regulate the concerns of this institution, and is thus conducive to its prosperity. Your Committee would recommend to Synod, a resolution, enjoining the members of the Board of Superintendants to be punctual at the stated meetings.

The most favourable report is made by the Board, of the fidelity of the professors in continuing and enlarging the course of studies

pursued, and of the satisfactory progress of the students in the various branches of Theological science. It is a matter of most serious and painful regret, that while the internal state of the Seminary is thus prosperous and promising, its outward means and resources should be diminishing, and its prospect of adequate support become so discouraging. Our Churches must realize this institution as most intimately connected with their own welfare and prosperity—it is the fruit of the prayers and labours of our fathers, —it has thus far, under the blessing of God, been reared by our persevering care and labour. And shall we suffer this inheritance to depart from us? Shall we cease from preserving and completing this fabric we have been erecting? Shall we through criminal neglect suffer this institution to decay, even whilst Providence is smiling upon it?

The measures recommended by the Board of Corporation, and adopted by the Synod at their last session, if faithfully pursued by the Churches in general co-operation, would meet all the wants of the Church, and place the support of our Theological School on a firm basis. In a fair proportion among all the Churches, how small would be the contribution required from each Church and congregation—how far from being burdensome! The failure, in part, of these proposed measures, and the decrease of revenue during the year past, argue a want of union and co-operation. Very many Churches have entirely neglected to improve any measure, for the support of the Seminary; in others, the exertion has been partial and inconstant. Where all the Churches have a common interest, there should be a common feeling and a common exertion. Ministers must ever take the lead. Zeal and co-operation in the ministers will produce the same among the people. It is of high importance that they should both in public and private explain the wants, and enforce the claims of this institution; and that they should by every proper method, labour to excite the attention and interest of the people on this subject.

Your Committee have considered the applications of Jacob C. Sears, James H. Teller, and William S. Dillingham, recommended by the Consistories of Montgomery, Greenbush, and Philadelphia, to receive aid from the Van Bunschoten Fund, and recommend them to the favourable notice of Synod.—The following resolutions are proposed for adoption:—

1. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the members of the Board of Superintendants to be punctual, in their attendance, at the stated meetings of the Board.

2. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the ministers belonging to this Church, publicly to explain the wants, and enforce the claims of the Theological School; and by every proper method to awaken the attention and interests of their congregations, in adopting and promoting the measures proposed by General Synod in relation to it.

3. *Resolved*, That Jacob C. Sears, James H. Teller, and Wm. S. Dillingham, be, and are hereby recommended to the Trustees of Queens College, to receive aid from the Van Bunschoten Fund, in completing their Classical and Theological Studies: and that the sum allowed to Jacob C. Sears be limited to $ 125, and the sum allowed to James H. Teller, and William S. Dillingham to $ 150 per annum, each; these being the stipulations in their respective recommendations.

In relation to the application on behalf of R. D. Van Kleeck, founded upon the information received, that the Board of Trustees of Queens College, refuse to renew the aid from the Van Bunschoten Fund, unless the recommendation be annually renewed by General Synod. Your Committee would state, That a member of the Board of Trustees on your Committee, gives the assurance, that the resolution of the Board has been misrepresented. That resolution only requires a renewed order from the Board of Trustees, to warrant the payment of the sum allowed. They reserve to themselves a discretionary power, in case the circumstances and character of the persons recommended may change, and which may not come immediately under the inspection of General Synod. How far that discretion may be safely and properly entrusted to the Board of Trustees, your Committee leave for Synod to decide: they would propose the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the recommendations of persons to receive aid from the Van Bunschoten Fund, be considered as remaining in force, and directed to the Board of Trustees, until rescinded by General Synod, or until they cease by their own limitation.

All which is submited.

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XV.

### *Students in Theology.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### *Church Visitation.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### *Prevailing Sins.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### *Missions.*

The Rev. John Knox, agreeably to appointment, preached the annual Missionary sermon, before Synod, from 1 Cor. iv. 2. on the evening of the third day of the session, when a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes.

The Rev. Jesse Fonda was appointed to preach the annual Missionary sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. James Romeyn was appointed his *secundus.*

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the subject of Missions, *report,*

That they have examined the papers committed to them, and that it appears from the report of the standing Committee of Missions, that they have had but three Missionaries in their employ during the last year; one for three months, and the other about two months each. The manner in which these Missions were conducted—the success which has attended their labours are detailed in the report of the Committee of Missions The reason assigned by the Committee of Missions, why their operations have not been more extensive, and prosecuted with more vigour and energy, has been want of Funds and want of Missionary aid.

It does appear to your Committee, that the Missionary operations of this Synod has not been attended (either in extending the bounds of the Redeemer's Kingdom in general, or our Churches in particular) with that degree of success, which might have been

expected. Whether this has been owing to a radical defect in our plan of Missionary operations, or to the want of Missionary zeal and engagedness in the Church generally, or in their ministers and licentiates particularly, your Committee will not undertake to say. Experience, however, has shown, that the transient missions of a few days or weeks in a place, have not been attended with any great degree of usefulness, either in turning souls to Christ, or in organizing new congregations. The plans which appear to have been attended with the most success, are when Missionaries have laboured in the one place, until a Church has been organized, and in some measure able to supply themselves in whole or part with the preached gospel. But one of the greatest difficulties this Synod has ever laboured under, has been the want of a sufficient number of zealous, devoted, and active Missionaries.

The Committee, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Classes and congregations be again called to the resolutions adopted by this Synod, at their meeting in 1820, on the subject of Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That those congregations who take up collections for the contingent and Missionary Funds, jointly be requested to state what proportion of their collection shall be applied to each; and in cases where no instructions are given, that such collections be divided equally, one half for Missions and the other for the contingent Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That any four members of the Committee of Missions, regularly convened, be a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to draw up a plan for Missionary operations, and report to next General Synod.

JOHN F. SCHEMERHORN, *Chairman.*

Rev. John Knox, Dr. Philip Milledoler, and S. S. Woodhull, and the Elders, Messrs. Michael Schoonmaker, and John Nitchie, were appointed a Committee to draw up a plan of Missionary operations, to report to Synod at its next stated meeting.

A Committee was appointed to nominate twice the number of persons, who shall constitute the Committee of Missions. This

Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for four ministers and four elders, to compose the Committee of Missions for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Dr. P. Milledoler, William M'Murray, Charles Hardenbergh, and John Knox, and the Elders, Messrs. Michael Schoonmaker, T. Hutton, R. Duryea, and Heyer, were chosen such Committee.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### *Widows Fund.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XX.

### *Particularia.*

The following donation made to Synod, of books for the use of the Theological Seminary, was *reported:*—

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, June* 13, 1821.

It affords me pleasure to inform the General Synod, that the late Mrs. Margaret Chinn, a member of the Second Church at Albany, has presented to it, for the use of its Theological Seminary, a donation, consisting of the following valuable books, and an elegant mahogany book-case to contain them. The amount appropriated and paid by Mrs. Chinn, for this donation, was about nine hundred dollars. The books and case have been deposited by her in the Theological Hall, at New-Brunswick.

### *CATALOGUE OF BOOKS.*

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| B. Waltoni Polyglott cum Castelli Heptaglot. Lexicon, | 8 vols. | fol. |
| Wetsteini Græcum Test. - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — | do. |
| Suiceri Thesauri - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — | do. |
| Hesychii Lexicon (Albert) - - - - - - - - - | 2 — | do. |
| Bocharti Opera Omnia - - - - - - - - - - - | 3 — | do. |
| R. Stephani Græc-Test. 1550 - - - - - - - - | 1 — | do. |
| Grotii Opera Omnia Theologica - - - - - - - | 4 — | do. |
| Pocock's Works - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — | do. |
| La Voisne's Chron. Gen. and Geographical Atlas - | 1 — | do. |
| Schultens in librum Jobi - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — | qto. |
| Schultens Origines Heb. - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — | do. |
| Noldii Concord. Partic. Hæb. - - - - - - - - - | 1 — | do. |

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| Hogeveen de Partic. Græc - - - - - - - - - - | 2 vol. | qto. |
| I. C. Wolfii Bibliotheca Hebrea - - - - - - - - | 4 — - | do. |
| I. A. Fabricii Bibliotheca Græc (Harles) - - - - - | 12 — - | do. |
| Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible - - - - - - - | 5 — - | do. |
| I. A. Turrettin Opera Omnia - - - - - - - - - | 5 — | do. |
| Gray's Connexions - - - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | 8vo. |
| Wall's History of Baptism - - - - - - - - - - | 3 — - | do. |
| Burnet's History of the Reformation - - - - - - | 6 — - | do. |
| Ellis's Knowledge of Divine Things from Rev. - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Biel Thesaurus LXX - - - - - - - - - - - - | 3 — - | do. |
| Griesbachii Nov. Test. - - - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Griesbachii Com. Crit. - - - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Griesbachii Symbolum Crit. - - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Krebsii Observationes in Nov. Test. - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Loesneri Observ. do. - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Cappelli Crit. Sacr. - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 3 — - | do. |
| Ernesti Institutio interpret N. T. - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Rosenmuller Scholia in Vet. Test. - - - - - - - | 16 — - | do. |
| Rosenmuller Scholia in Nov. Test. - - - - - - - | 5 — - | do. |
| Rosenmuller Historia interpret N. Test. - - - - - | 5 — - | do. |
| Mori Commentarius in Nov. Test. - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Mori Epitome Theol. - - - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Mori Dissert. Theol. et Philog. - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Mori Acroases in ep. Paul ad Gal - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Elsneri Observ. in Nov. Test. - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Coccei Lex. Heb. Schultz - - - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Simonis Lex. Heb. Eickhorn - - - - - - - - - | 2 — - | do. |
| Vigerus de idiotismis Zeune - - - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Schroederi Institutiones ad ling. Heb. - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Bishop Bull's Works - - - - - - - - - - - - | 3 — - | do. |
| Paley's Horæ Paulinæ - - - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Hurd on the Prophecies - - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Lowth's Lectures on Isaiah - - - - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |
| Lowth's Lectures on Heb. Poetry - - - - - - - | 1 — - | do. |

JOHN DE WITT.

*Resolved*, That this Synod entertain a grateful sense of the pious liberality of the late Mrs. Chinn, and direct that a copy of this resolution be sent by their Stated Clerk to her nearest surviving relative.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Superintendants be instructed to take suitable measures, to perpetuate the remembrance of this gift of Mrs. Chinn.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### *Pastoral Letter.*

The Committee appointed for the purpose, reported, a Pastoral letter, addressed to the Consistories and congregations of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck, which was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to draught a Pastoral letter to the Consistories and congregations of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck, with design to warn them from being led away by the seductions of their late Pastor, and to confirm them in those principles of good order, which form the brightest ornaments of the christian Church; beg leave to *report* for adoption the following:—

The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church to the Consistories and congregations of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck, *sendeth greetting*.—Grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto you.

Brethren, beloved in the Lord; circumstances well known to yourselves, have in the opinion of General Synod, rendered it advisable to address you.

The particular subject of this address, respects your duty in relation to the Rev. Nicholas Jones, formerly, but now (by the resignation of his call into the hands of the Consistory, by his erroneous principles and irregular practices,) no longer your Pastor; or entitled to your confidence and affection.

We appeal to your own knowledge. You have had yourselves lamentable and undeniable proof, that your former minister is at least fallible, and that he *has* erred in practice.

He has twice been laid under Church censure and supension, from the performance of ministerial functions. One appeal from the decision of Classis, and another from the Particular Synod of Albany to the General Synod, have only tended to confirm sentences of censure upon him, and to establish more strongly the truth that he was wrong.

Upon the resignation of his call into the hands of the Consistory, that resignation was accompanied with a communication, evincive of his unyielding spirit—a paper full of abuse, breathing a spirit of total insubordination to all regular Church order, government, and discipline; and manifesting principles of irreligion and impiety, perfectly incompatible with the character of a gospel minister.

From such a man turn away—imbibe not his spirit—embrace not his principles—be not caught in his wiles, nor led astray by his seductions.

Brethren, will you not forsake a man who has denounced and forsaken the Dutch Church, despised its standards, renounced its authority, and defied its power? Be admonished and entreated to continue stedfast in the faith, and in your attachment to the Church in which you were born and educated: to its standards, its principles, purity, its discipline, and government.

It will always afford the General Synod much pleasure, to learn that you are disposed to love and obey any minister, who may be regularly over you in the Lord: but let your affection towards a Pastor be always so regulated, as never to lead you to sin against God, by promoting either directly or indirectly divisions and schisms in the Church. Consider yourselves as a part of the Dutch Church, and fulfil the solemn obligation under which you are to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Now, Brethren, we beseech you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that ye be perfectly joined together in the same judgment. Follow after the things which make for peace. But, if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the Churches of God.

Accept, dear Brethren, our assurances of desire for your welfare; and believe the sincerity of our prayer, that you may increase in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, walking continually in the fear of God, and approving things that are excellent.

All which is respectfully submitted.

I. Y. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XXII.

### *Synodical Archives.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### *Resumption and Close.*

The minutes were read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the stated clerk publish seven hundred copies of the minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

### *Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned, to meet in the City of New-York, on the first Wednesday of June, 1822, at 10 a. m.

S. S. WOODHULL, *President.*
THOMAS DE WITT, *Adsessor.*
SAMUEL A. VAN VRANKEN, } *Clerks pro*
JAMES ROMEYN, } *tempore.*

Official copy from the original minutes,

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. SELAH S. WOODHULL, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the session, from Jude, v. 3.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Drs. Gerardus A. Kuypers and Philip Milledoler, and the Rev. Christian Bork.

Elders, Messrs. Henry Rutgers, Isaac Heyer, and Guysbert B. Vroom.

2. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. John Cornelison, Ava Neal,* and John Demarest.

Elders, Messrs. Garrabrant A. Garrabrants,† John D. Romaine,† and John P. Courter.‡

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* The Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, the *primarius*, took his seat on the second day of the session, and again resigned it to Mr. Neal on the sixth day of the session.

† Took their seats on the second day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

### 3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Jacob I. Schultz, Isaac M. Fisher, and Isaac Ferris.

Elders, Messrs. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Jerome Rapelye, and Benjamin Arrowsmith.

### 4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Peter D. Fræligh,* Wilhelmus Eltinge, and James D. Demarest.†

Elders, Messrs. Garrebrand Yureanse,‡ and John D. Westervelt.

### 5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, Zechariah H. Kuypers,§ and John Beattie.§

Elder, Mr. Abraham Remsen.

### 6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Elder, Mr. Frederick Erringen.

## FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

### 1. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, John Gosman, and Andrew N. Kittle.

Elders, Messrs. John V. B. Varick and J. Souzer.

### 2. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Robert Bronk, G. R. Livingston, and Peter Van Zandt.

Elders, Messrs. Christian Millar§ and John Bogart.§

### 3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Jesse Fonda, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and P. A. Overbagh§.

Elders, Messrs. I. Moulds and Cornelius Brink.

### 4. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Jacob Sickles.

Elders, Messrs. N. Harder and Z. Harder.

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* Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the session.

† Mr. Demarest, on the third day of the session, was succeeded by Dr. S. Fræligh.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the session.

§ Took their seats on the second day of the session.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Jacob R. H. Hasbrouck* and John F. Schemerhorn.†

6. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Ralph A. Westervelt* and Jacob D. Fonda.*
Elders, Messrs. Frederick Berringer‡ and Simon de Ridder.

ARTICLE III.

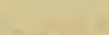
*Moderators.*

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler was chosen *President.*
Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler was chosen *Adsessor.*
Rev. Isaac Ferris and Isaac M. Fisher were chosen clerks, *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of the Minutes.*

The minutes of the last annual session of the Synod were read.



# ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

*Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

*Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed :

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Jacob Sickles, Jacob Schoonmaker, Cornelius C. Cuyler, John Cornelison, Wilhelmus Eltinge ; and the Elders, Messrs. Henry Rutgers and Jacob R. Hardenbergh.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Jesse Fonda and John Demarest ; and the Elder, Mr. Benjamin Arrowsmith.

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* Took their seats on the second day of the session.
† Took his seat on the third day of the session.
‡ Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Dr. G. A. Kuypers, Christian Bork, and Peter D. Fræligh ; and the Elders, Messrs. Frederick Errington and Abraham Remsen.

*On Missions.*—Rev. G. R. Livingston, P. D. Fræligh, Robert Bronk, Andrew N. Kittle, and the Elder, Mr. Isaac Heyer.

Rev. John Beattie was afterwards added to this Committee.

*On the state of Religion.*—Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, Wilhelmus Eltinge, Ava Neal, Jacob I. Schultz, and the Elder, Mr. G. B. Vroom.

*On Overtures.*—Rev. John Gosman, Isaac N. Wyckoff, Peter Van Zandt, and the Elder, Mr. John V. B. Varick.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Communications.*

The Board of Superintendents brought in the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological College beg leave to present their annual report to General Synod.

The Board have the pleasure of stating that the College has lost none of its interest during the past year, and that its internal regulations have been conducted with increased vigour and success.

At their session in September, the following young gentlemen, having produced the necessary credentials, were admitted as members of the institution : Jonathan F. Morris, Asa Bennett, Benjamin Van Keuren, Stephen Meeker, Daniel Van Olinden, Elbert Slingerland, William Crookshank, and Abram Messler ; and an improved system of theological study was digested and adopted for the regulation of the College.

At the annual meeting in May, the Professors reported the following persons, as having pursued their studies during the year past, in their respective classes :

*Of the First Class.*

John M'Clure, Herman B. Stryker, Richard V. Dey, Benjamin C. Taylor, John Van De Veer, Samuel Van Vechten, and Richard Wynkoop.

*Second Class.*

Ferdinand Van De Veer, Robert Blair, and William Centre.

*Third Class.*

Gustavus Abeel, William Crookshank, John K. Garretson, Albert Helfenstein, James B. Hardenberg, Benjamin Van Keuren,

Asa Bennet, Abram Messler, Jonathan F. Morris, Stephen H. Meeker, Daniel Van Olinden, Jacob C. Sears, Elbert Slingerland, Jefferson Wynkoop, and John A. Yates.

The following students of the Third Class not having presented their applications at the fall session, their admission by the Professors was sanctioned by the Board: viz. Gustavus Abeel, Albert Helfenstein, James B. Hardenberg, Jacob C. Sears, Jefferson Wynkoop, and John A. Yates.

The Board attended to the examination of the students of the several classes, on Didactic and Polemic Theology; Jewish Antiquities, critical and sacred; Analysis of Sacred Scripture, including the history of the Old Testament Church; Chronology, Sacred Geography, Canon of Scripture, Church History, and the Hebrew and Greek Languages, &c. In these studies, the students acquitted themselves, *generally*, in a manner highly satisfactory to the Board, and creditable to themselves and their instructers. It appeared obvious, that the business of the Institution had been pursued with greater application and effect than at any former session.

The following members of the first class, having completed their course of study, and having been examined as to experimental religion, and their views in entering the ministry, were recommended for professoral certificates, preparatory to licensure, viz. John M'Clure, Harman B. Stryker, Benjamin C. Taylor, John Van De Veer, and Samuel Van Vechten.

At this meeting, $592.50 were appropriated for the relief of indigent students, in the following proportions, viz. To one, $100; to another, $125; to another, $112.50; to two others, $125 each; and to another, $5: in which appropriation they have been obliged to make considerable deductions from the amount demanded.

It must be gratifying to the Synod, as well as to every lover of our Zion, to observe the large increase of numbers in our Theological College. While this is a decisive proof of the growing respectability and usefulness of this institution, which has been the object of our solicitude, and the subject of our prayers in time past, it presents a pleasing prospect, that our destitute churches will soon be supplied with able and faithful labourers, and that other churches may be planted by the zealous exertions of those who may annually proceed from it. But while the Board congratulate the churches on these animating prospects, they are still compelled to direct their attention to the melancholy fact, that

with all these circumstances to cheer and to urge to exertion, this institution continues ready to die, for want of support. It must not be disguised, that it cannot proceed further, unless something is promptly done to augment its resources. Its treasury is completely drained. Who that feels any anxiety for the prosperity of our church, or regards the glory of the Redeemer, can look at this subject without concern? Will our churches, many of which are blessed with wealth, stand still and witness the extinction of this light from our Zion? Will they bear the responsibility of suffering this sacred trust, committed to their care by the great Head of the Church, to fall, without a vigorous effort to save it? Will they say to the venerable man, who has spent the vigour of his life in training up candidates for the ministry, now when his head is whitened, and his frame enfeebled with age in this honourable employment, 'We have no more value for your services?' Will they say to his assistant, whom they have called from a station of comfort and usefulness, 'Go and seek for employment elsewhere?' Will they say to the pious youth, who have devoted themselves to the work of the ministry, and who look to them for instruction and support, 'Return to your homes, and abandon your hopes of usefulness, or go to other denominations?' Surely our churches cannot have felt the responsibility laid upon them, in relation to this subject, or they would not in so many instances have withheld their contributions. Let this school of the prophets be disbanded, and our Zion may put on sackcloth, and sit in the dust. Let this seminary of divine knowledge fall, and you may write on the walls of our Jerusalem, *Ichabod, the glory is departed.* What a small effort, if but a general one, would prevent this sad result! What a trifle from each individual (a trifle which even poverty itself might spare) would furnish ample means to meet all its demands! It is ascertained, that, were the 25 cent contribution alone universally adopted, it would place the operations of the Seminary above embarrassment. And who would withhold such a pittance, when it is to save from extinction an institution, with which is connected the glory of the Redeemer for perpetual generations! The Superintendents would raise their voice; let the Board of Corporation raise their voice, and let the General Synod raise their voice, and proclaim, again and again, throughout our slumbering churches, that the Theological College, the strength, and the glory, and the beauty of our Zion, must fall into ruins, unless they arise for its help.

The Board have the painful duty of reporting to Synod, that, since their last annual meeting, two of their number, the Rev. Charles Herdenberg and the Rev. John S. Verdenberg, have been called from their labours in the church militant, to receive their crowns in the church triumphant; and while they mention the mournful event, they would offer the affectionate tribute of their testimony to their piety and worth.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *President pro tem.*
JOHN DE WITT, *Clerk.*
WILLIAM M'MURRAY, *Stated Clerk.*

*Theological Hall, New-Brunswick, May,* 1822.

*Communications* were received, from the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, recommending *Ransford Wells;* from the Consistory of the Church of Coxsackie, recommending *Henry Mandeville* and *Joseph Williams;* from the Consistory of the S. D. Church, N. Y. recommending *Thomas A. Amerman;* from the Consistory of the Church of Union Village, recommending *Wells May;* from the Consistory of the Church of Market-street, New-York, recommending *James Stephenson*—as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Bunschoten fund:

From Samuel Center, a student of Theology, requesting a dispensation for one year, which he spent at the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church:

From the Rev. Cor. D. Westbrook, requesting that Benaiah Y. Morse, in consequence of his peculiar circumstances may have the sanction of Synod to pursue his theological studies at Fishkill, for one year:

All of which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following communication was received from the Treasurer of Queens College, and also referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

Pursuant to a resolution of the Trustees of Queens College, it has been made the duty of the Treasurer to report to General Synod, in or about the month of May, annually, the receipts and expenditures of the Professoral and Van Bunschoten fund. The Treasurer accordingly informs Synod, that, since the first day of June, 1821, he has received from the interest of the Professoral fund $880, which has been paid to Professor Livingston. What

is now due, and shall become due on or before the first day of June, 1823, of the interest arising from the Professoral fund, will amount to $1213.

Of the interest arising from the Van Bunschoten fund, there is now in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of.....$885 63

The interest now due, and what will become due on or before the first day of June, 1823 .....2347 00

3132 63

Amount appropriated to the present incumbents on this fund.....750 00

$2482 63

*New-Brunswick, June* 1, 1822.

STAATS VAN DEUSEN,
*Treasurer of Queens College.*

*To the Rev. the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of North America.*

The following report was received from the Standing Committee of Missions:

The Committee of Missions of the General Synod beg leave to present their annual report.

While they have endeavoured faithfully to discharge the duties intrusted to them, according to the limited means put at their disposal, they cannot but indulge the hope, that their labour has not been altogether in vain.

Immediately on the organization of the Committee, under the last appointment of Synod, application was made by the licentiates, Isaac S. Ketchum and Abram Fort, for missionary employment. After suitable inquiries, by a committee appointed for the purpose, the above named persons were appointed to proceed to the counties of Montgomery and Herkimer, and the adjacent regions, and to labour in such places as to them might seem to present the greatest prospect of usefulness, for the term of three months. In compliance with this appointment, they have laboured principally in the towns of Manheim and Danube, preaching on the Sabbath, lecturing in the week, and visiting from house to house. From their journal, it appears that they have faithfully fulfilled their appointment, and, it is hoped, not without favourable results. They represent the region of their labours as one deplorably destitute of gospel privi-

leges, and as calling loudly for missionary exertions; and the Committee regret, that it has not been in their power to bestow attention to them, corresponding with the urgency of their wants. Various places visited by the missionaries, are represented as being sunk in gross darkness, as it regards their moral and religious state; and yet disposed to receive with gratitude those who come to them, to dispense the light of the gospel.

Manheim, which has been a station for some time occupied by the Committee, seems to be one of some importance, as being the centre of a very destitute region. The people of this place having requested, through the missionary Mr. Ketchum, a continuance of his mission one month, to preach statedly among them, the Committee granted them their request. The result is, that they have presented a call to him, which, your Committee are happy to understand, he has accepted. This is considered as an event of no small importance, as it is hoped it will open up the way for the permanent occupation, by our Church, of many waste places lying around it.

It was stated in the last report, that Mr. Jared Dewing had been induced to accept a mission, recommended by a Committee of the Classis of Albany, to Princetown and its vicinity. It was resolved by your Committee, that he be considered as in *their* employ, until the expiration of the term for which he was originally appointed, and that he be directed to continue his labours at Princetown and its vicinity. Mr. Dewing accordingly fulfilled his appointment at that place, not only with faithfulness, but with very considerable success. His mission commenced under interesting circumstances. A church had been recently organized, and a considerable awakening had commenced. During the continuance of Mr. Dewing's labours, the attention continued; considerable numbers appeared anxiously inquiring; several members were added to the church, and a favourable change was produced on the morals of the community. Mr. Dewing's public exercises of preaching and lecturing were, for a considerable part of his term, six times a week, besides visiting and exhorting daily from house to house. At the close of his engagement, the Committee re-appointed him to the same place; but they regret to state, he declined the appointment, and no other has by them been obtained to occupy the station.

The Committee, feeling a deep interest in the Church at Spottswood, which had been raised up and fostered by their care, and desirous to encourage them in their exertions to establish a minister, resolved, at a meeting held the 5th of September last, that if that

people should take measures immediately to obtain the settlement of a minister, the Committee would pay the sum of $100 towards his support for one year. But as that people have not yet taken the measures proposed, the above proposition of the Committee has not gone into operation. With regard to that Church, it is gratifying to state, that they have completed a commodious house for public worship, and that their prospects appear encouraging.

In a note accompanying the last report, the Synod were informed, that Mr. A. I. Switz had been solicited to accept an appointment, for three months, at Athol, Johnsburg, Caldwell, and Warren, in the county of Warren. This mission has since been fulfilled. Mr. Switz met with a favourable reception. He represents the moral condition of those places as deplorable. In some of them, however, the preaching was well attended, and our missionary met with encouraging success in establishing Sabbath Schools, prayer meetings, and Bible classes. As, however, it is understood that this ground is at least partially occupied by the Young Men's Missionary Society of this city, the Committee have not thought it necessary to continue a missionary there. From the past usefulness of Mr. Switz, however, it was thought desirable to continue him in some field where the benefit of his exertions might still be derived. A letter was therefore addressed to him by the Clerk, inquiring whether he was informed of any place where he might labour with a prospect of usefulness; and if so, whether he would be willing to accept another appointment? In answer to which communication, a letter was received from him, proposing to accept a mission in the vacant congregations of Westerlo and Oakhill for two months; which appointment was accordingly made and fulfilled; and, at its expiration, an additional appointment of one month was given him. With regard to Westerlo, Mr. Switz states, that he found that congregation in a deplorable condition, on account of the inroads of other denominations, and the exertions of sectarians hostile to the truth. It is with pleasure the Committee have learned, that they have so far recovered from these effects, as to have united in presenting a call to Mr. Abram Fort, formerly mentioned as in the employ of the Committee, which it is understood he has accepted; and that he is ordained to the charge of that people.

With regard to the congregation at Oakhill, it is reported not to be inferior to that of Westerlo, in regard to resources; but that some circumstances had operated to retard the settlement of a minister. The state of religion, at the close of the mission, seemed

on the whole, to be promising, and numbers appeared to be earnestly longing to have the ordinances of the gospel statedly dispensed among them. The Committee, however, have not heard that any thing effectual has been done for the accomplishment of this most desirable object.

Early in October last, a letter was received from the Rev. David Devoe, requesting to be appointed to labour a part of his time in the employment of the Committee; which appointment was made. Several communications have been received from Mr. Devoe, in which it appears that he has laboured with great faithfulness, and considerable success, chiefly in the destitute places in the county of Montgomery, preaching in public, and visiting families; and that he has organized a church in the north part of the town of Oppenheim, in the county of Montgomery, distinguished as the *Second Reformed Dutch Church in Oppenheim.* A petition has been received from the officers of said church, imploring missionary aid. Mr. Devoe also organized a church in the town of Fayette, in Seneca county, and another in Leroy, in Jefferson county. It appears from his journal, that his labours have been abundant, having preached 58 sermons, visited 143 families, and travelled 1254 miles; that his preaching was well attended; and that the regions through which he laboured present a favourable prospect of extending the boundaries of the Reformed Dutch Church.

In the month of October, an application was made for the services of a missionary, in Stilwater, New-Jersey, accompanied with a statement of the situation of that congregation; which induced the Committee to appoint Mr. Isaac A. Van Hook, for a term of two months at that place. This mission was afterwards continued for one additional month. It appears that a Dutch Reformed Church had existed there for some time; but it had been distracted by divisions, and the state of religion had become extremely low. The exertions of Mr. Van Hook seem to have been blessed in exciting their attention; and there is a prospect of their being induced to do something for the permanent settlement of the gospel among them. The Classis of New-Brunswick have applied to the Committee in their behalf, to furnish them with a missionary, for at least the ensuing summer. This application being recently made, no appointment has yet taken place.

A communication was received from a committee of the Classis of Ulster, proposing to advance the sum of $50 for missionary purposes, provided the Committee should send a missionary to labour

in the destitute settlements of Beaverdam, Middletown, and the places adjacent, within the bounds of said Classis. The Committee forthwith resolved to take immediate measures to meet this application; but are under the painful necessity of stating, that, although several persons have at different times been appointed, all have declined accepting; until recently Mr. Van Hook has consented to undertake a mission to those places, for three months. While they sincerely regret that their attempts have proved so ineffectual, they are constrained to mention with approbation this measure of the Classis of Ulster, and would, with all deference, recommend it to the imitation of other Classes, with the confidence that such a measure, generally adopted, would have a tendency most efficaciously to supply our destitute settlements, and extend the boundaries of our Zion.

An appointment has also been given to the licentiate Mr. S. Z. Goetchius, to Manheim and the adjacent places, which have been occupied as missionary ground, in the month of March last, but the Committee have, as yet, received no communication from him. Several other appointments to different places have been made and declined.

Though the Committee have endeavoured faithfully to discharge their duties; and in the best manner they were able, to superintend the missionary interests of the Synod; yet they still are constrained to reiterate the old complaints, *want of missionaries*, and *want of funds*. It is earnestly to be desired, that the attention of our churches should be more decidedly and efficiently directed to these subjects. Our missionary enterprise has by no means corresponded with our ability, and the Committee would humbly add, with our obligations and duty. The attempts which have been made, have often failed for want of *men* devoted to missionary labour, who could be permanently employed in the same field; and of *means* to employ them, even could they be obtained. It is to be regretted, that more of our licentiates, from our theological college, do not come forth, animated by this apostolic spirit. May not the hope be entertained, that the growing numbers and growing zeal of our candidates for the ministry, and the liberality of our people, and their prompt compliance with the calls of the Synod, in behalf of our destitute and languishing churches, may speedily remove both these difficulties, so that the hands of those who manage this important interest, may be no longer bound? The experience of every year confirms the remark, that the employment of a missionary over a widely ex-

tended country, for a few months, can be productive of little permanent good, when the places over which they thus rapidly pass, are left, perhaps, twice as long in a state of utter destitution of the means of grace. Years must elapse before any permanent encroachments can be made on the kingdom of darkness, or any accession of territory acquired to the Prince of Peace, on this system. Sound policy, as well as long experience, dictates, that little can be effected, but by *permanent establishments;* by bringing to the destitute places under our care, the *stated* administration of the word and ordinances. Your Committee conceive that more is done for the cause of our Redeemer, by *planting* the gospel down in *one spot*, where a prospect presents itself of collecting together *one church*, than by employing ten missionaries over a large district of country, where their labours cannot be concentrated, and but a small part of service can be devoted to individual congregations, and that at long and uncertain intervals. Without presuming to dictate, the Committee would suggest to Synod the propriety of adopting some measures calculated to place our missionary interests on a more permanent foundation; and to produce a result better adapted to the permanent extension of the kingdom of our Lord in our own denomination. Whether these objects are to be advanced by dissolving the Committee of Missions, and committing all this important trust to the society recently formed, is for the wisdom of Synod to determine. Your Committee beg leave to express their satisfaction, on witnessing an awakened attention to the object of missions; and their earnest prayer that it may spread through all our churches, and that our beloved Sion may extend, and flourish, and become a praise in all the earth.

All which is humbly submitted.

P. MILLEDOLER, *President.*
WILLIAM M'MURRAY, *Clerk.*

*New-York, June 6th*, 1822.

Accompanying the above report, was the report of the Treasurer of the Committee, which is as follows:

*Committee of Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, in account with John I. Westervelt.*

RECEIPTS.

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1. | Balance in hand per account | 453 | 04 |
| | By Cash from the Church at Jamaica | 9 | 83 |
| | By do from Church at Newtown | 6 | 66 |
| | | 469 | 53 |

PAYMENTS.

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1. | To Cash paid Rev. Isaac Labagh | 25 | 00 |
| | To do. paid Abram I. Switz, for missionary services | 50 | 00 |
| 16. | To do. paid Rev. I. Labagh, for Abram I. Switz, for missionary services | 40 | 00 |
| Sept. 8. | To do. paid Isaac Heyer, the balance in hand | 354 | 53 |
| | | 469 | 53 |

*Committee of Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, in account with Isaac Heyer, their Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 3. | By Cash from Treasurer of General Synod | 80 | 00 |
| Sept. 8. | By do. from John I. Westervelt, late Treasurer of the Committee | 354 | 53 |
| Oct. 11. | By do. from the Congregation of the Rev. Mr. Larzalere | 16 | 83 |
| 25. | By do. Collections in the North Church in this city, at prayer meetings | 34 | 11 |
| Nov. 29. | By do. from ditto | 11 | 70 |
| Dec. 4. | By do. from ditto | 12 | 95 |
| 1822. | | | |
| Mar. 30. | By do. from Treasurer of General Synod | 300 | 00 |
| | Amount carried forward | 810 | 12 |

| | | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1822 | Amount brought forward | | 810 | 12 |
| May 21. | By Cash from Church at the Boght.... | $8 00 | | |
| | Deduct postage.... | 0 38 | | |
| | | | 7 | 62 |
| June 1. | By do. from Treasurer of General Synod .. | | 218 | 58 |
| | | | 1036 | 32 |

PAYMENTS.

| | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1821. | | | |
| July 3. | To Cash paid Abram Fort, one month advance as missionary ... ..... | 40 | 00 |
| | To do. paid Isaac Ketchum.....do..... | 40 | 00 |
| Sept. 8. | To do. paid Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook for missionary services ..... | 100 | 00 |
| Oct. 24. | To do. paid do. one month's advance for do. | 40 | 00 |
| Nov. 2. | To do. paid Abram I. Switz, balance due him for missionary services ..... | 63 | 58 |
| 13. | To do. paid....do.....one month's advance for .... do. ..... | 40 | 00 |
| Dec. 14. | To do. paid Isaac Ketchum, balance due him for missionary services ..... | 88 | 80 |
| 28. | To do. paid Rev. Isaac Labagh for postages of letters while Clerk of Comm'ee | 2 | 11 |
| 1822. | | | |
| Jan. 16. | To do. paid Abram Fort, balance due for missionary services ..... | 57 | 07 |
| Feb. 11. | To do. paid Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook, one month's advance for missionary services..... | 40 | 00 |
| Mar. 20. | To do. paid Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook, on acct. | 40 | 00 |
| 25. | To do. paid S. Z. Goetchius for one month's missionary services ..... | 40 | 00 |
| 30. | To do. paid Jared Dewing, balance due for missionary services ..... | 76 | 97 |
| April 1. | To do. paid Abram I. Switz, balance due for missionary services ..... | 67 | 00 |
| | Amount carried forward | 668 | 53 |

| | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1822. | Amount brought forward | 668 | 53 |
| April 21. | To Cash paid Rev. I. A. Van Hook, balance due him for missionary services -- | 20 | 00 |
| May 21. | To do. paid....do.....one month's advance for missionary services..... | 40 | 00 |
| June 5. | To do. paid Rev. David Devoe for 3 months missionary services ..... | 120 | 00 |
| | | 915 | 53 |

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|---|---|
| Receipts ..... | $1036 32 |
| Payments ..... | 915 53 |
| Balance in hand ..... | $120 79 |

*June* 6, 1822. ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to draw up a plan of missionary operations, presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Missions:

The Committee appointed by Synod, at its meeting in June, 1821, "to draw up a plan of missionary operation," respectfully report,

That the *objects* heretofore contemplated by Synod, in its missionary exertions, are, in their opinion, the *best* that can be devised, viz. aiding feeble and languishing congregations in the support of the gospel, and organizing new congregations within its bounds. To secure these objects, the labours of missionaries ought to be less scattered, and longer continued in one place, than they usually have been; and it is of indispensable importance that Synod urge liberality in the contributions of its churches for missionary purposes.

Your Committee would advert to a Missionary Society, limited in its members, its resources, and its objects, to the Reformed Dutch Church, which has originated under encouraging auspices, since the last meeting of Synod; a particular account of which will be furnished from another quarter. This institution, your Committee would recommend to the favourable notice of Synod, and suggest the propriety of the Synod's diverting all its missiona-

ry resources, for the present, into *its* treasury, and adopting the Board of Managers of that Society as its "*Committee of Missions;*" holding it subject to the control of Synod, and requiring from it annually a condensed and brief report of its proceedings.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

The following communication was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, viz.

In General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, May 24th, 1822—

"On motion,

"*Resolved*, That Drs. Romeyn and Neill, and Mr. Bethune, be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, (if such a one shall be appointed,) on the subject of a connexion, by correspondence, between the two Churches, and make report to the next General Assembly."

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest. WILLIAM NEILL, *Stated Clerk.*

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, Cornelius C. Cuyler, and the Elder, Mr. Henry Rutgers, be a Committee to confer with the above named Committee of the General Assembly.

One hundred copies of the fifth Annual Report of the United Foreign Missionary Society, were laid on the table of Synod, for the use of the members; and also a communication from Mr. Zechariah Lewis, one of the Secretaries of the United Foreign Missionary Society, requesting Synod to take measures, more extensively to aid the funds of said Society; which communication was referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication from the Rev. Paschal N. Strong, Corresponding Secretary of "The Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church," announcing the formation of said Society, and giving information respecting its organization and objects, was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication was received from the Classis of New-York, presenting the case of Mark Jordan, a man of colour, who is desirous of entering the ministry, and requesting Synod to adopt such regulations for this and similar cases, as in their wisdom they shall deem adviseable; which communication was referred to a special

committee, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Sickles, A. N. Kittle, and the Elder, Mr. G. B. Vroom.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Board of Corporation.*

The following report was received from the Board of Corporation, and referred to the Rev. Peter D. Fræligh, Jesse Fonda, Ralph A. Westervelt, Jacob Schoonmaker; and the Elders, Messrs. John Bogart, Jacob R. Hardenberg, and Isaac Heyer.—Rev. Robert Bronk was afterwards substituted in the place of Rev. P. D. Fræligh, upon his obtaining leave of absence.

The Board of Corporation respectfully submit to the General Synod the following report of their proceedings during the past year:

The Board have met regularly since their re-appointment, and have transacted the business that has come before them with their usual unanimity.

It will be recollected, that in their last report they recommended to the Synod, in relation to the matters in controversy with the Trustees of Queens College, to appoint a Committee, of persons not members of the Board of Corporation, who should be instructed and empowered to negotiate with the Board of Trustees, in relation to those matters, and endeavour to bring the same to an amicable adjustment; and in case the said Committee could agree on such adjustment with the Trustees, that the Committee should report their proceedings to the Board of Corporation, who were empowered to do all acts to execute the same on the part of the Synod.

The Committee appointed by the Synod agreeably to this recommendation, met with the Board of Trustees, and after closing their conference, presented to the Board of Corporation the following report of their proceedings, viz.

"The Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church at their session in June last, to "negotiate with the Board of Trustees of Queens College, in relation to the matters in controversy with said Trustees," &c. respectfully report to the Board of Corporation of the General Synod:

"That they attended to the duties assigned them, and held a conference with a Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees

on the first Tuesday in September instant. After a free conversation on the matters in dispute, the Committee separated for the purpose of allowing a meeting of the Board of Trustees to deliberate. The Committees again assembled in the evening, when the following resolution, passed at the meeting of the Board, was presented, viz.

" Resolved, that the resolution of the Board directing that the Treasurer be directed to charge the sum of two thousand two hundred and twelve 57-100 dollars, with the interest thereon, to the Professoral Fund, and to discharge the literary fund therefrom, be rescinded.

Extract from the minutes.

C. L. HARDENBERGH, Secr'y.

*Sept.* 5th, 1821."

" The Committee of the Board stated, that the Trustees acknowledged themselves indebted to the General Synod the above sum of $2212 57, with the interest which had accrued thereon, and were willing and anxious to pay said debt, but that their embarrassed circumstances placed them in a dilemma. The above sum had been expended in the structure of the College edifice. Besides this, they stand indebted to the Bank of New-Brunswick in the sum of $4000, and that their only means to pay said debts consist in the College ground and edifice ; and that the trustees, anxious to come to an adjustment, had at their present meeting adopted the following resolution :

" Resolved, That this Board will convey to the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in America, the College edifice and lot attached to it, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, on condition that it be appropriated to the purposes of a theological college.

Extract from the minutes.

C. L. HARDENBERGH, Sec'ry.

*September* 4, 1821."

" To this proposition the Committee of the General Synod objected, on account of the condition annexed to such conveyance, inasmuch as it would deprive the General Synod of their right and privilege of investing their property in a different manner, or to greater advantage. The Committee of the Board then stated, (although not as officially directed,) that their only alternative would be to sell the College edifice and lots, and from the pro-

ceeds thereof to liquidate their debts, and satisfy the General Synod. And here the conference on this subject ended. This statement is now laid before the Board of Corporation, without the expression of any advice by the Committee of General Synod, believing that if the way is in any wise opened for the more amicable adjustment of this difference, than was apprehended, it will be cordially embraced by the Board of Corporation.

" With respect to the right of control and direction of the Professoral fund, the Committee of the Board stated that the Trustees could not admit said right any farther than the appropriation of the proceeds or interest of that fund to the support of a Professorate, located at Brunswick; and that while they desired to receive the views and opinions of General Synod with respect and attention, they could not admit their acts relative to the disposition and management of the funds to be in themselves obligatory. After a free conversation, the Committee of the Board continued to adhere to this view of the subject. It was at the same time stated, that the Trustees were entirely willing to exhibit annually a detailed statement of the state of the Professoral fund. A statement of the present state of that fund was put into the hands of the Committee of General Synod, which is herewith transmitted to the Board of Corporation.

All which is submitted.

THOMAS DE WITT, Chairman.

*September* 5, 1821."

The Board of Corporation having carefully considered this report of the Committee of Synod, in relation to the negotiation of that Committee with the Board of Trustees, were of opinion that it contained nothing which required any ratification by them. The act of the Board of Trustees rescinding a former resolution, as mentioned in that report, is no more than acknowledging the impropriety of their having pronounced the litigated balance of $2212 57 " paid and overpaid." The proposition to convey to Synod the College lot and buildings, was very properly objected to by the Committee. Not only the reason mentioned by the Committee should prevent the acceptance of said proposition, but there are other reasons of the same tendency: for the Board of Corporation are advised by counsel learned in the law, that a corporate body in one state cannot hold real estate in another; and there would consequently be danger of difficulty in relation

to the tenure of the property proposed to be conveyed. The Synod, moreover, have not authorized their Board of Corporation, nor any others, to stipulate that they will always have a Theological College at New-Brunswick. And besides, the pecuniary interests and affairs of Synod are opposed to the acceptance of the proposition.

But, the Board of Trustees having, as mentioned in said report, rescinded the resolution by which the Board of Corporation had considered the door of negotiation as closed; the Committee of Synod appearing to have finished all that they had contemplated to do; and the Board of Corporation being earnestly desirous to close this long and unpleasant difference, the Board resolved that they were ready to confer with a Committee of the Board of Trustees who might be appointed for the purpose, in the hope that another effort would not prove fruitless. They therefore directed their secretary to inform the clerk of the Board of Trustees of their desire to confer with them; and that in case a committee were appointed for the purpose, the conference might be held in the city of New-York.

The Board of Corporation are happy to state, that this proposition was received in a very friendly manner by the Board of Trustees, and was acted upon with all the promptitude that circumstances would admit.

The Committees of Conference met in New-York at the house of Col. Henry Rutgers on the 14th of March last; and after long and careful deliberation, the Committees unanimously agreed to adopt the following plan, as calculated to produce favourable results—viz.

" 1st. The Trustees to agree to use the utmost exertions to have the proceeds of the funds collected *always* within (say) three months after they have become due.

2d. The Trustees to collect all moneys which are loaned to persons who do not regularly pay the interest.

3d. The Trustees to agree to re-invest (if the joint Committee mentioned below deem it expedient) the moneys which may be paid in, in United States or New-York State stock.

4th. The Trustees to report by their Treasurer to the Board of Corporation on the 20th day of May, annually, the receipts during the year preceding, and the arrears due on the several funds.

5th. The Trustees to agree to appoint a joint committee of their Board to act with a committee of the Synod, or their corporation to attend to the funds generally.

6th The Trustees to acknowledge that, according to existing stipulations between them and the General Synod, there is the sum of $2212 57, due from the Literary to the Professoral fund, which sum they will invest for the benefit of the said Professoral fund, as soon as they shall have the means, and also will pay all the arrearages of interest, to the objects for which such interest was designed."

The above plan of the Committees of Conference was fully ratified and adopted by the Board of Corporation, at their stated meeting on the 29th of March. They have received the following official communication, which shows the proceedings of the Board of Trustees on this matter. The Board of Corporation will make no remark on this communication, except that their effort to bring this difference to a conclusion has been, by this act of that body, entirely frustrated.

The following is their communication, viz.

" *New-Brunswick*, 30*th May*, 1822.

" In conformity with a resolution of the Board of Trustees at a late meeting, I enclose you the following:

' The Committee to whom was referred the propositions agreed upon by the Committee of the Board of Corporation of the General Synod and of this Board, beg leave to report:

' 1st. As to the first proposition. The Trustees always have, and will continue to collect, as faithfully as they can, the interest of the funds under their control

' 2d, and 3d. As to the second and third propositions. The Trustees will exercise their best discretion as to the change of loans, where the interest is not punctually paid, and re-invest the amount as heretofore, for the best advantage of those entitled to the proceeds.

' 4th. That the Treasurer shall make report annually to the Board of Corporation on or about the 20th of May, of the amount of receipts during the year preceding, and also the arrears due on the Professoral and Van Bunschoten funds.

' 5th. As to this proposition. The Committee consider that the management of these funds belongs exclusively to this Board, in accordance with existing stipulations on this subject.

6th. As to this proposition. The Committee report, that the balance due from the Literary to the Professoral fund has been repeatedly recognized, and which it is the duty of this Board to satisfy as soon as it is in their power.

All which is submitted.

R. BOGGS, *Chairman.*'

"Resolved, That the said report of the Committee be accepted, and a copy thereof forwarded to the secretary of the Board of Corporation of General Synod."

Extract from the minutes.

CORNELIUS L. HARDENBERGH, *Sec'ry of the Board of Trustees of Queens College.*

*Rev. Paschal N. Strong, Sec'ry of the Board of Corporation.*

Agreeably to the request of the General Synod, at their last session, the Board of Corporation issued a circular letter to the churches under the care of the Synod, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board, urging on them the importance and necessity of the collections directed to be made by the Synod, but the Board cannot congratulate the Synod on the amount received from these collections, during the past year. Notwithstanding the surprise and regret expressed in the report of a committee of the last Synod, "that so many congregations had shown so manifest a disregard to the order of Synod, and to the dearest interests of the church," the Board of Corporation have to report, that about fifty congregations, during the past year, have not attended to the *injunction* of the Synod.

As the Synod have directed the delinquent churches to be marked and reported, the following are presented to the notice of the General Synod, as not having attended to any of the collections, viz. Bushwick, New Utrecht, Staten-Island, Courtlandttown, Freehold, Walpeck, Stillwater, 2d Church in Philadelphia, North Branch, North and South Hampton, Ponds, Stonehouse Plains, Montville, Preakness, Newfoundland, New Hempstead, St. John and Linlithgow, Hyde Park, Redhook, Rochester, Warwarsing, Clove, (Classis of Ulster,) Hurley, Ashokan, Flatbush, (Classis of Ulster,) Esopus, Neversink, Mamakating, Beaverdam, Middletown, Woodstock, Caughnawaga, Florida, Herkimer, German Flats, Westerlo, Middletown, (Classis of Montgomery,) Johnstown, Mayfield, Niskeuna, Amity, Basic,

Beaverdam, Hillsdale, Argyle, Fort Miller, Wynantskill, Easton, Waterford, and Clifton Park.

The churches delinquent as to the collection directed to be made *for the Theological College* are the following: viz. Greenwich, Catskill, Marbletown, Cow Neck, Oysterbay, Salem, Jerusalem, Helderberg, Saratoga, Northumberland, Minisink, Mamakating, Hempstead, Greenbush and Taghhanic, and Warwick, together with those congregations previously mentioned as delinquent in *all* the collections.

The churches which have not attended to the collection for the *Missionary and Contingent funds* are the following, viz: Greenwich, Catskill, Tappan, Union Village, Oysterbay, Washington and Gibbonsville, Fishkill, Kingston, Pompton, Pompton Plains, Kinderhook, Haerlem, Tarrytown, New Shannac, Greenbush and Blooming-grove, New Hurley, Berne, Saratoga, Northumberland, Middletown, Harlingen, Bethlehem, Coeymans, New Paltz, Schaghticoke, Hopewell, Rhinebeck, Hempstead, Ramapo, 3d and 4th wards Schenectady, Success and Warwick, in addition to those churches previously enumerated as having neglected *all* the collections.

From the report of the Treasurer during the *past* year, it appears that the following churches have attended to the collection for the *Permanent Fund*, viz. the church of New-York, the churches in Garden-street and Market-street, Brooklyn, Schenectady, Paramus, Somerville, Catskill, Greenwich, Bergen, Aquackanonk, Tappan, Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, Cow-Neck, Oysterbay, Montgomery, Clarkstown, Coxsackie, 1st and 2d churches of Albany, Pompton Plains, Rockaway, Lebanon, Shawangunk and New Prospect, Hillsborough, Totowa and Patterson, Warwick, 3d and 4th wards Schenectady, and the 1st church in Philadelphia.

As to the *recommendation* of the Synod, that "on the last Sabbath in December every member of the Reformed Dutch Church identify himself or herself with the church, by a small donation yearly, (say twenty-five cents or more,") the Board would state, that this has been complied with in some few instances more than it was during the preceding year; and deeming this, as they do, an highly important source of revenue, if generally attended to, they regret to inform the Synod that this measure, as yet, has by no means met with the general compliance of their congregations.

Of those churches who have made this collection, the following is the list, and the result, viz.

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| Church of New-York, | $219 76 | |
| in Market-street, | 75 15 | |
| of Montgomery, | 22 00 | |
| Flatbush, (L. I.) | 23 00 | |
| Schodack, | 20 00 | |
| Kinderhook, | 16 25 | |
| Pompton Plains, | 12 25 | |
| Lebanon, | 7 61 | |
| Rockaway, | 3 81 | |
| Haerlem, | 7 25 | |
| Pompton, | 5 75 | |
| | | $412 83 |

Making an increase from this source of revenue during the last year of $131 14.

The Board of Corporation respectfully recommend to the General Synod to continue in force the resolutions, re-enacted in June last, for the purpose of raising funds.

The following is the Treasurer's account of the receipts and expenditures, from June 1st, 1821, to June 4th, 1822, viz.

| 1821. | | *Dlls.* | *Cts.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1. | By balance from old account, . . . | 518 | 37 |
| | Cash from Church at Poughkeepsie, for Theological Seminary, . . . . | 12 | 32 |
| | Ditto from Female Cent Society at Poughkeepsie, Theological Seminary, . . . | 11 | 00 |
| 2. | Ditto from Church at New-Utrecht, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 2 | 90 |
| | Ditto for Theological Seminary, . . | 9 | 63 |
| 4. | Ditto from Church at Schenectady, permanent fund, . . . . . | 14 | 00 |
| 8. | Ditto from Church at Paramus, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 2 | 97 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | 2 | 68 |
| | Ditto from ditto, permanent fund, . . | 2 | 89 |
| 12. | Ditto from Church at Somerville, permanent fund, . . . . . | 12 | 66 |
| 21. | Ditto from Church at Catskill, ditto, | 9 | 00 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| June 22. | Cash from Abraham Brinkerhoff, for two years interest on his subscription to permanent fund, . . . . . | 70 | 00 |
| 26. | Ditto from Church at Greenwich, permanent fund, . . . . . | 16 | 96 |
| 29. | Ditto from Church at Bergen, permanent fund, | 9 | 25 |
| July 2. | Ditto from North Church, Albany, missionary fund, . . . . . | 39 | 32 |
| 9. | Ditto from Church at Montville, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 1 | 35 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | 1 | 58 |
| | Ditto from Cent Society at Bedminster, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 19 | 25 |
| 10. | Ditto from Church at Marbletown, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 1 | 87 |
| 11. | Ditto from Church at Aquackamonk, permanent fund, . . . . . | 2 | 63 |
| 16. | Ditto from Church at Tappan, permanent fund, . . . . . | 3 | 78 |
| 20. | Ditto from Churches at Hackensack and Scralenburgh, permanent fund, . . | 4 | 00 |
| 28. | Ditto from Church at Union Village, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 8 | 00 |
| Aug. 7. | Ditto from Church at Cow Neck, permanent fund, . . . . . | 3 | 22 |
| | Ditto from Church at Oyster Bay, permanent fund, . . . . . | 3 | 6 |
| | Ditto for interest on 3500 dollars United States stock, . . . . . | 54 | 00 |
| | Ditto for ditto, on 3850 dollars State stock, | 57 | 75 |
| 16. | Ditto from Cent Society at Somerville, for indigent Students, . . . . . | 40 | 00 |
| 29. | Ditto from the Rev. H. Van Huysen, collected at Jerusalem Missionary fund, . . | 3 | 50 |
| | Ditto at Salem, ditto, . . | 2 | 00 |
| | Ditto at Haldenburgh ditto, . . | 5 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Bedminster, for Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 3 | 15 |

| 1821. | | | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Sep. 1. | Cash from Churches at Washington, and Gibbonsville, Theological Seminary, | 5 | 00 | | |
| | Deduct postage, | 0 | 37 | | |
| | | | | 4 | 63 |
| | Ditto from Church at Marbletown, Missionary fund, | | | 1 | 88 |
| 20. | Ditto from R. Duryee, A Van Ness, and Isaac Heyer, executors of Catharine Wamsley, for permanent fund, | | | 250 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Collegiate Churches in New-York, for the permanent fund, | | | 350 | 00 |
| 21. | Ditto from North Church, Albany, for Theological Seminary, | | | 62 | 13 |
| 22. | Ditto from Female Cent Society, at Paramus, Theological Seminary, | | | 7 | 00 |
| Oct. 11. | Ditto from Church at Fishkill, Theological Seminary, | | | 5 | 37 |
| 29. | Ditto from Cent Society at Rochester, Ulster County, Theological Seminary, | | | 6 | 25 |
| Nov. 7. | Ditto from Church in Garden-street, New-York, Theological Seminary, | | | 91 | 60 |
| | Ditto from Church at Montgomery, for ditto, | | | 29 | 00 |
| 8. | Ditto from Church at Kingston, ditto, | | | 13 | 00 |
| 9. | Ditto from Church at Six Mile Run, ditto, | | | 13 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church in Market-street, New-York, for ditto, | | | 28 | 95 |
| 12. | Ditto from South Church, Albany, for ditto, | | | 17 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Pompton, ditto, | | | 5 | 80 |
| 13. | Ditto from Cent Society at Haerlem, Theological Seminary, | | | 11 | 87 |
| | Ditto from Cent Society at Paramus, ditto, | | | 31 | 50 |
| 14. | Ditto from North Church in Albany, for ditto, | | | 45 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Collegiate Churches in New-York, for ditto, | | | 201 | 51 |
| 16. | Ditto from Church at Bergen, ditto, | | | 6 | 32 |
| | Ditto from Church at Clarkestown, ditto, | | | 1 | 77 |
| | Ditto from ditto, permanent fund, | | | 2 | 77 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, | | | 3 | 72 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 17. | Cash from Church at Coxsackie, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 29 | 00 |
| 19. | Ditto from Church at Brooklyn, ditto, . | 16 | 17 |
| 20. | Ditto from North West Church, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 17 | 36 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary fund, . . | 10 | 8 |
| | Ditto from Church at Schodack, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 9 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at New-Brunswick, ditto, | 17 | 10 |
| 23. | Ditto from Church at Schenectady, ditto, | 15 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Cent Society at Shawangunk, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 8 | 00 |
| 26. | Ditto from Church at Kinderhook, ditto, . | 33 | 68 |
| | Ditto from Church at Jamaica, ditto, . | 8 | 40 |
| | Ditto from Church at Newtown, ditto, . | 6 | 75 |
| 27. | Ditto from Church at Haerlem, ditto, . | 21 | 80 |
| 28. | Ditto from ditto, at Flatbush, ditto, . . | 9 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, at Flatlands, ditto, . . | 3 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, at Gravesend, ditto, . | 3 | 00 |
| 29. | Ditto for one quarter's dividend, on 3850 dollars, State Stock, . . . . . | 57 | 75 |
| | Ditto for ditto, on 3500 dollars, United States Stock, . . . . . | 52 | 50 |
| | Ditto for three quarters ditto, on 700 dollars City Stock, . . . . . | 31 | 50 |
| | Ditto from Church at Pompton Plains, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 10 | 15 |
| | Ditto from J. L. Kip, received by him from W. B. Gilley, and others, for printing 1750 copies of Psalms, —— Indigent Students, . | 105 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Fairfield, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 5 | 00 |
| 30. | Ditto from Church at Tappan, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 5 | 47 |
| | Ditto from S. S. Woodhull, Questor of Classis, New-York, minutes, . . . . | 75 | 00 |
| Dec. 1. | Ditto from Church in Nassau-street, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 4 | 3 |
| 4. | Ditto from Church at New-Shannock, ditto, | 24 | 82 |

| 1821. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 8. | Cash from Churches at Greenbush and Blooming Grove, ditto, | 6 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Somerville, ditto, | 19 | 50 |
| 14. | Ditto from Church at Rockaway, permanent fund, | 2 | 61 |
| | Ditto from Church at Lebanon, ditto, | 5 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, at ditto, Theological Seminary, | 8 | 70 |
| 19. | Ditto from Church at Fordham, ditto, | 5 | 20 |
| 20. | Ditto from Church at Tarrytown, ditto, | 3 | 32 |
| 22. | Ditto from Church at New-Hurley, ditto, | 8 | 25 |
| 24. | Ditto from Church at Berne, ditto, | 4 | 62 |
| 25. | Ditto from Church at Scralenburg, ditto, | 4 | 00 |
| 26. | Ditto from Church at Belleville, ditto, | 4 | 25 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary fund, | 4 | 75 |
| 1822. | | | |
| Jan. 3. | Ditto from Church at Bloomingdale, Theological Seminary, | 9 | 34 |
| 7. | Ditto from Church in Garden-street, Missionary and contingent funds, | 33 | 81 |
| 9. | Ditto from Church at Montgomery, ditto, | 10 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, | 22 | 00 |
| 10. | Ditto from Church in Market-street, Missionary and contingent funds, | 15 | 30 |
| | Ditto from ditto, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, | 75 | 15 |
| | Ditto from Church in Nassau-street, Theological Seminary, | 13 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, | 7 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Cent Society at New-Brunswick, Theological Seminary, | 20 | 00 |
| 11. | Ditto from Theological School Society at the Boght, Theological Seminary, | 14 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Churches at Washington and Gibbonsville, Theological Seminary, | 6 | 00 |
| 12. | Ditto from Church at Brooklyn, Missionary and contingent funds, | 12 | 66 |
| 14. | Ditto from Church at Schenectady, Missionary and contingent funds, | 15 | 00 |

| 1822. | | Dlls. | Cts |
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| Jan. 14. | Cash from Churches at Shawangunk and New-Prospect, permanent fund, . . . | 3 | 6 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Theological Seminary, . | 3 | 94 |
| | Ditto from Church at Aquackanonk, Theological Seminary, . . . . | 2 | 6 |
| 16. | Ditto from Collegiate Churches, New-York, Missionary and contingent funds, . | 69 | 73 |
| 17. | Ditto from Church at Bergen, Missionary fund, | 4 | 75 |
| 21. | Ditto from Church at Shawangunk, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 2 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at New-Prospect, ditto, | 2 | 00 |
| 23. | Ditto from Church at Kinderhook, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, . | 16 | 25 |
| 25. | Ditto from Isaac L. Kip, received by him for license to print 2000 copies of Psalms, Indigent Students, . . . . | 120 | 00 |
| 26. | Ditto from Church in Nassau-street, contingent fund, . . . . . | 2 | 23 |
| | Ditto from Churches at Saratoga and Northumberland, Theological Seminary, . . | 4 | 00 |
| 28. | Ditto from Mrs. E. Evertson, Treasurer of Cent Society, New-York, permanent fund, | 146 | 56 |
| 31. | Ditto from Church at Bedminster, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 6 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | 6 | 00 |
| Feb. 1. | Ditto from Church at New-Brunswick, for Missionary fund, . . . . | 21 | 35 |
| | Ditto from Church at Bloomingburgh, for ditto, | 4 | 00 |
| 2. | Ditto from Collegiate Churches in New-York, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, | 219 | 76 |
| 6. | Ditto from South Church at Albany, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 13 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Schodack, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, . . | 20 | 00 |
| 8. | Ditto from Church at Somerville, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . | 20 | 46 |
| | Ditto from Church at Fordham, ditto, . | 6 | 25 |
| 12. | Ditto from Church at Aquackanonk, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 6 | 9 |

| 1822. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 13. | Cash from Church at Warwick, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 4 | 44 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | 4 | 93 |
| 15. | Ditto from Church at Pompton, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, . . | 5 | 75 |
| | Ditto from Female Cent Society, Newtown, L. I. Theological Seminary,. . . | 17 | 40 |
| | Ditto from Church at Jamaica, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . | 5 | 38 |
| | Ditto from Church at Newtown, ditto, . | 7 | 28 |
| | Ditto from Churches at Minisink and Mamakating, Missionary and contingent funds, | 12 | 00 |
| 21. | Ditto from Churches at Hackensack and Scralenburgh, Missionary and contingent funds, | 6 | 20 |
| 23. | Ditto from Church at Six Mile Run, contingent fund, . . . . . | 12 | 50 |
| 26. | Ditto from Church at Pompton Plains, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, . . | 12 | 25 |
| | Ditto from Church at Fairfield, ditto, . | 7 | 75 |
| Mar. 1. | Ditto from Church at Bloomingdale, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . | 3 | 00 |
| 5. | Ditto from Church at Cow Neck, ditto, . | 2 | 42 |
| | Ditto from Church at Oyster Bay, ditto, . | 3 | 03 |
| 14. | Ditto from Church at Middletown, New-Jersey, Theological Seminary, . . | 22 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Harlingen, ditto, . | 6 | 50 |
| 20. | Ditto from Male Cent Society of Dr. Brodhead's Church in Philadelphia, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 100 | 00 |
| 22. | Ditto from Church at Hempstead, Missionary fund, . . . . . | 13 | 00 |
| 23. | Ditto from Church at Schodack, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . | 11 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Benevolent Society at Saugerties, Theological Seminary, . . . | 10 | 00 |
| 27. | Ditto from Church at Flatbush, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary, . . | 23 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary fund, . . | 7 | 92 |

| 1822. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Mar. 27. | Ditto from Church at Flatlands, ditto, . | 3 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Gravesend, ditto, . | 2 | 89 |
| Apr. 4. | Ditto from Classis of Long-Island, for Minutes of General Synod, . . . . | 5 | 50 |
| 5. | Ditto from Female Missionary Society at Coxsackie, for Missionary fund, . . | 45 | 00 |
| 9. | Ditto from Female Cent Society at Bergen, Theological Seminary, . . . | 41 | 00 |
| 15. | Ditto from Church at Claverack, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 7 | 00 |
| | Ditto from ditto, Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | 5 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Lebanon, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary . . | 7 | 61 |
| 18. | Ditto from Church at Haerlem, 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary . . | 7 | 25 |
| 23. | Ditto from Churches at Bethlehem and Coeymans, Theological Seminary . . | 10 | 00 |
| 25. | Ditto from Church at New Paltz do. | 9 | 50 |
| | Ditto from Church at Schackticoke do. | 7 | 00 |
| 26. | Ditto from Church at Paramus, Missionary and contingent funds . . . . | 3 | 69 |
| | Ditto from do. Theological Seminary . | 4 | 37 |
| | Ditto from do. permanent fund . . | 4 | 41 |
| | Ditto from Churches at Totowa and Patterson, Missionary and contingent funds . . | 3 | 00 |
| | Ditto from do. Theological Seminary . | 5 | 13 |
| | Ditto from do. permanent fund . . | 4 | 32 |
| | Ditto for dividend on Bergen turnpike stock, the donation of Rev. W. Eltinge . . | 12 | 50 |
| | Ditto for two quarters' interest on 3850 dolls. State stock . . . . . | 115 | 50 |
| | Ditto for two quarters' interest on 3500 dolls. United States stock . . . . | 105 | 00 |
| 27. | Ditto from first Dutch Church in Philadelphia, Thelogical Seminary . . . | 15 | 00 |
| | Ditto from do. permanent fund . . | 10 | 00 |
| | Ditto from do. Missionary fund . . | 14 | 00 |
| | Ditto from do. contingent fund . . | 3 | 00 |

| 1822. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| Apr. 27. | By Cash from Churches at Hackensack and Schralenburgh, Theological Seminary . | 3 | 75 |
| | Ditto from do. Missionary and contingent funds . . . . . | 3 | 83 |
| May 1. | Ditto from Church at Lebanon, Missionary fund . . . . . | 6 | 51 |
| | Ditto from Church at Rockaway, | | |
| | For Theological Seminary | 5 | 10 |
| | For Missionary fund . | 4 | 54 |
| | And for 25 cent donations, Theological Seminary . . . . . | 3 | 81 |
| 7. | Ditto from Church at Hopewell, Theological Seminary . . . . . | 15 | 18 |
| | Ditto from Church at New Hackensack, | | |
| | Theological Seminary | 13 | 10 |
| | Missionary fund . | 5 | 00 |
| | Ditto from New Hackensack Female Cent Society, Theological Seminary . . | 8 | 03 |
| | Ditto from Classis of Poughkeepsie for Minutes of Synod, contingent fund . . . | 8 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Female Cent Society at Hopewell, Theological Seminary . . . | 10 | 00 |
| 8. | Ditto from Classis of New-Brunswick for Missionary fund . . . . . | 42 | 50 |
| | Ditto from Cent Society at Hillsborough, Theological Seminary . . . . | 19 | 75 |
| | Ditto from Church at Hillsborough, | | |
| | For Missionary fund . | 10 | 18 |
| | For Theological Seminary | 6 | 55 |
| | For permanent fund . | 5 | 12 |
| | Ditto from Classis of Paramus for minutes of Synod, contingent fund . . . | 17 | 75 |
| | Ditto from Church at Hempstead, Theological Seminary . . . . . | 2 | 68 |
| | Ditto from Church at Ramapo, Theological Seminary . . . . . | 0 | 85 |
| 11. | Ditto from Church at Tappan, permanent fund | 3 | 06 |
| 15. | Ditto from Church at Montgomery, do. | 18 | 00 |
| | Ditto from South Church, Albany, do. | 15 | 31 |
| 16. | Ditto from Church at Fairfield, do. | 4 | 50 |

| 1822. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| May 16. | By Cash from Cent Society at Taghanic, Theological Seminary . . . . | 17 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Churches at Greenbush and Taghanic, Theological Seminary . . | 7 | 23 |
| | Ditto from Church at Greenbush, for Missionary fund . . . . . | 3 | 50 |
| | Ditto from Church at Taghanic, do. | 4 | 40 |
| 22. | Ditto from Church at Schenectady, permanent fund . . . . . | 16 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Churches of third and fourth wards, Schenectady, For indigent students, | 6 | 00 |
| | For Theological Seminary | 5 | 00 |
| | For permanent fund . | 2 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Success, Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 3 | 75 |
| | Ditto from North Church, Albany, for permanent fund, . . . . . | 38 | 00 |
| 24. | Ditto from Church at Pompton Plains, permanent fund, . . . . . | 6 | 50 |
| | Ditto from J. Heyer, one year's interest on his subscription to permanent fund, . . | 35 | 00 |
| 25. | Ditto from Church at Poughkeepsie, for Missionary fund, . . . . . | 21 | 13 |
| | Theological Seminary, | 10 | 18 |
| | Ditto from Female Cent Society of South Church, Albany, Theological Seminary, | 72 | 15 |
| | Ditto from Church at Rhinebeck, ditto, . | 9 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Coxsackie, for permanent fund, . . . . . | 30 | 00 |
| 27. | Ditto from Church at Brooklyn, ditto, . | 20 | 57 |
| | Ditto from Consistory of Collegiate Churches, New-York, permanent fund, . . | 350 | 00 |
| 28. | Ditto for two quarters interest on 700 dollars, city stock, . . . . . | 21 | 00 |
| 29. | Ditto from Church at Bergen, permanent fund, | 9 | 60 |
| | Ditto from Classis of Bergen, for Minutes of Synod, contingent fund, . . . | 9 | 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Warwick, for permanent fund, . . . . . | 5 | 81 |

| 1822. | | | Dlls. Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 30. | By cash from a subscription in the congregation at Harlingen, for Theological Seminary, | | 45 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at New-Brunswick, for Theological Seminary, . . . | | 23 00 |
| | Ditto from Church at Jamaica, for permanent fund, . . . . . | | 5 12 |
| | Ditto from the Collegiate Churches in York, for permanent fund, . . . . | | 95 41 |
| | Ditto from collections in North Church, at monthly Concert, Missionary fund, . | | 11 05 |
| 31. | Ditto received on a loan to an individual, on the 1st of December last, of 1200 dollars, belonging to permanent fund, at six per cent. | | 1200 00 |
| | Ditto for six months interest on ditto, . | | 36 00 |
| | Ditto from S. N. Rowan and P. N. Strong, collected by them from subscriptions taken in this city in 1815 for perm't fund, | 538 00 | |
| | Deduct commissions, . . | 37 66 | |
| | | | 500 34 |
| | Ditto from Church at Clarkstown, | | |
| | for Theological Seminary, . | 2 74 | |
| | for Missionary fund, . . | 2 25 | |
| | for permanent fund, . . | 2 48 | |
| | | | 7 47 |
| | | | 7353 63 |

PAYMENTS.

| 1821. | | Dlls. Cts |
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| June 7. | To cash paid the order of the Rev. P. Milledoler and S. N. Rowan, expenses conveying books to New-Brunswick, . . . | 4 50 |
| 20. | Ditto paid Rev. John Knox, expenses as stated clerk of General Synod, . . . | 14 16 |
| | Ditto paid C. Miller & Co. for quills and paper, for General Synod, . . . . | 3 38 |
| | Ditto paid Robert Henry, messenger of Synod, | 10 50 |
| July 3. | Ditto paid Committee of Missions, . . | 80 00 |

| 1822. | | Dlls. | Cts. |
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| July 3. | By Cash paid Professor Ludlow, one quarter's salary, due 1st of June, . . . | 387 | 50 |
| Aug. 2. | Ditto paid John J. Ostrander, for taxes on lands owned by Synod, . . . . | 10 | 43 |
| Sep. 8. | Ditto paid Professor Ludlow, one quarter's salary, due 1st instant, . . . . | 387 | 50 |
| Nov. 29. | Ditto paid Professor Livingston, balance due him 1st. September last, . . . | 475 | 00 |
| Dec. 1. | Ditto paid on loan for six months, on interest at 6 per cent. per annum, . . . | 1200 | 00 |
| 6. | Ditto paid Garrit Cosine, services as Messenger of Synod, in June 1818, . . . | 15 | 50 |
| 26. | Ditto paid Peter Amerman, Messenger of Synod, in June, 1820, . . . . | 11 | 62 |
| 1822. | | | |
| Jan. 3. | Ditto paid Daniel Fanshaw for printing circulars of Board of Corporation, . . | 21 | 60 |
| 20. | Ditto paid Professor Ludlow, one quarter's salary, due the 1st December, . . | 387 | 50 |
| 24. | Ditto paid George Forman, for printing Minutes of General Synod, . . . | 111 | 82 |
| Feb. 21. | Ditto paid Professor Livingston's salary, due 1st December last, . . . . | 437 | 50 |
| Mar. 30. | Ditto paid Committee of Missions, . . | 300 | 00 |
| Apr. 27. | Do paid bal. due on an order of Board of superintendents, for the use of Indigent Students, | 300 | 00 |
| May 17. | Ditto paid Rev. John Knox, Stated Clerk of Synod, for a blank book, and expenses incurred in getting the Minutes of June last transcribed, . . . . . | 15 | 00 |
| 20. | Ditto paid Professor Ludlow one quarter's salary, due the 1st March last, . . | 387 | 50 |
| 22. | Ditto paid Professor Livingston balance due him on salary 1st March last, . . | 137 | 50 |
| June 1. | Ditto paid Committee of Missions, . . | 218 | 58 |
| | Ditto loaned on interest, at 6 cent per annum, for 6 months, . . . . . | 2546 | 98 |
| | | 7464 | 07 |
| | Balance due the Treasurer, | $110 | 44 |

*June 4th*, 1822. ISAAC HEYER.

The following is the annual Digest, prepared by the Board, in obedience to the order of the Synod, viz.

### *I. As to the Van Benschoten Fund.*

The Board have received no information relative to this fund, in addition to what was stated in the last Digest.

We respectfully remind Synod of the propriety of their recommending some persons to receive aid from this fund.

### *II. As to the Professoral Fund.*

The Board have received no information relative to this fund since their last report.

### *III. Legacy of the late Miss Rebecca Knox.*

The Board have received no information relative to this legacy.

### *IV. Indigent Students.*

It was stated, in the last digest, that a balance of $300 on a draft from the Board of Superintendents, would be paid, whenever the funds would admit. This draft has been paid, and another draft, dated May 28, 1822, for $400, will also be paid, whenever there are moneys in the treasury, applicable to such purpose.

### *V. Permanent Fund.*

The amount of this fund is,

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| In stock of the State of New-York, at 6 per cent, | | $3850 00 |
| Ditto | Corporation of the city of New-York, | 700 00 |
| Ditto | United States, | 3500 00 |
| In individual obligations, | | 3546 98 |
| | Amounting to | $11596 98 |
| And its annual product will be about | | $690 00 |

### *VI. Collections in the Churches.*

During the past year, there has been received from this source,

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| For the Theological College, | $1104 23 |
| For the Missionary and Contingent Funds, | 566 69 |
| For the Permanent Fund, | 370 45 |

### *VII. Cent Societies.*

The receipts from these, during the past year, have been $655 81, of which $146 56 was for the Permanent Fund, and $40 for Indigent Students.

### *VIII. Subscriptions made in* 1815.

Since the last report, there has been collected, and paid into the hands of the treasurer, $538. Measures have been taken to collect and close this subscription list as soon as possible.

### *IX. The Minutes of General Synod.*

During the past year, the Board have received, for Minutes, the sum of $115 25. We would respectfully request the Synod, to urge on the Classes, the payment of their present arrearages, and greater attention in paying for such Minutes as they may hereafter receive.

### *X. The Contingent Fund.*

On this fund have been received $277 49, and paid $214 04, since the last digest.

### *XI. The donation of the Rev. W. Eltinge.*

The dividend on this donation, for the last year, amounting to 12 50 has been received.

### *XII. Debts of General Synod.*

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| To the Rev. Dr. Livingston, which will be in full to the 1st of June, | $57 50 |
| To the Rev. Mr. Ludlow, ditto, | 387 50 |
| To the Missionary fund, as stated in the last report, | 410 28 |
| To draft for Indigent Students, | 400 00 |
| To cash due the Treasurer, | 110 44 |
| | $1365 72 |

### *XIII. Estimate of Expenses of General Synod, from June* 1, 1822, *to June* 1, 1823.

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|---|---|
| 1. Payment of debts, as mentioned in the preceding article, | $1365 72 |
| 2. Salaries of two professors, for the year, | 3300 00 |
| 3. For Indigent Students, (in addition to what may be paid by the Trustees of Queen's College,) about, | 500 00 |
| 4. For contingent expenses, about | 350 00 |
| | $5515 72 |

*XIV. Estimate of receipts from June* 1, 1822, *to June* 1, 1823, *to meet the above expenses, under existing arrangements.*

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|---|---|---|
| 1. From the Professoral fund, | $700 | 00 |
| 2. On the Permanent fund, | 690 | 00 |
| 3. On Mr. Eltinge's donation, | 12 | 50 |
| 4. From Cent Societies, | 600 | 00 |
| 5. From Classes, for printed Minutes, | 110 | 00 |
| 6. From Collections for the contingent fund, | 300 | 00 |
| 7. From other Collections, | 1000 | 00 |
| | $3412 | 50 |

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*
ISAAC L. KIP,
G. B. VROOM, } *Directors.*
S. S. WOODHULL,
ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, June* 4, 1822.

The Committee, to whom the above document was referred, brought in their report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Corporation, cannot refrain from expressing their high satisfaction with the plan which the General Synod have adopted for the management of their pecuniary concerns, in the establishment of the Board of Corporation, as a body both of counsel and of active and efficient operation ; and they cannot refrain from expressing their full confidence in the integrity and faithfulness of the officers of that Board ; and they rejoice in the light and wisdom which appear to have marked all their steps and proceedings, and they cannot but express their conviction, that under the auspices of such a Board, the members of which appear to take such a deep interest in the concerns of our church, in connexion with the continued co-operation of the Board of Trustees of Queens College, and the encouragement which this Synod and the great body of the churches under their care shall give them,

we have reason to hope that the spiritual, and, as intimately and necessarily connected with them, the pecuniary interests of our theological seminary will be increasingly promoted.

The Committee are happy to find that the litigated sum of $2212 57 has been acknowledged as due by the Board of Trustees of Queens College, in answer to the demands of the General Synod. They are happy to find this, particularly because it is a circumstance calculated to encourage the impression that the Board of Trustees, although they have heretofore differed with the General Synod in relation to the said sum of $2212 57, are desirous of being governed in their deliberations and their acts by principles of equity and righteousness, and by a scrupulous and conscientious regard to the best interests of our theological seminary, and to what they suppose to be the mutual obligations of the Board of Trustees and of the General Synod.

The Committee most cordially approve of the decision of the Board of Corporation declining to receive from the Board of Trustees the College lot and edifice, on the condition connected with the overture made by the Board of Trustees, and they hope that the proceedings of the Board of Corporation herein will be as cordially sanctioned by the Synod.

The Committee regret much, however, that all the differences between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees have not yet been adjusted. It appears from the report of the Board of Corporation, that the Board of Trustees claim the exclusive control and direction of the Professoral fund. As this involves in it a question of right between the Board of Trustees and the General Synod, and as it is a matter which in its present state has very considerable difficulty connected with it, the Committee have deemed it proper, without proposing any measures in the case, to leave the subject with the Synod, that they may originate and carry into effect such measures as they in their wisdom may devise.

Your Committee have noticed with regret the yet embarrassed state of our treasury. From the report of the Treasurer of Synod, it appears that the sum of $110 44 are due to the Treasurer, while, according to the report of the same officer in June, 1821, there was at that time in the treasury the sum of $518 37. From the report of the Board of Corporation it appears, also, that the probable receipts of the Synod from June 1st, 1822, to June 1st, 1823, under arrangements heretofore existing, will be $3412 50.

while the estimated expenses, during the same period, will be $5515 72.

In view of the above representation, and of all the representations which have come before the Synod, it will appear that the interests of our Theological College, and as intimately connected with them, the interests of our church generally, call loudly upon us for our continued aid, and for our renewed and increasing energy. Your Committee hope that those calls which have been so repeatedly made, will not cease to be made, as long as the state of our funds and the wants of the church shall render them necessary; and they do also indulge the fond and animating hope, that they shall not be made in vain. They are unwilling even for a moment to believe that our people will suffer our Theological Seminary to languish and to die; that seminary which is the hope and the glory of the Reformed Dutch Church—which engages the prayers of so many who love the truth once delivered to the saints—and from which, as an healthful fountain, it is confidently hoped, shall yet proceed many streams to water the dry and barren sections of our earth, and to refresh and to gladden the hearts of the children of God. Your Committee rejoice in the hope, that this Synod may yet appeal with confidence to the Christian feelings and liberalities of the people, and that the charities which have hitherto flowed into the treasury of the church, will, during the ensuing year, be multiplied and augmented.

In consideration of the facts contemplated in the above report, your Committee respectfully recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod: viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod cordially approve of the decision of the Board of Corporation, declining to receive the College lot and edifice, according to the proposal of the Board of Trustees.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of two ministers and one elder be appointed in each of the Classes, to visit the different congregations within their bounds, and pursue such measures among them as will have the best tendency to increase the funds of the General Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That General Synod make one more effort to endow a Professorship.

Submitted.

R. BRONK, *Chairman.*

The following committees, contemplated in the second of the preceding resolutions, were appointed: viz.

*For the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. William M'Murray, P. N. Strong, and the Elder, Mr. Isaac Heyer.

*For the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Ava Neal, Jacob T. Field, and the Elder, Mr. Ewout Van Gelder.

*For the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Isaac Ferris, Samuel A. Van Vranken, and the Elder, Mr. Jerome Rapelle.

*For the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. James D. Demarest, N. Lansing, and the Elder, Mr. James Perry.

*For the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. John Beattie, Jacob Schoonmaker, and the Elder, Mr. Abraham Remsen.

*For the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, Peter Labagh, and the Elder, Mr. John Wyckoff.

*For the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. A. N. Kittle, Thomas De Witt, and the Elder, Mr. Richard Rapelle.

*For the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John De Witt, Jacob Van Vechten, and the Elder, Mr. C. Miller.

*For the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. W. R. Bogardus, A. D. Wilson, and the Elder, Mr. Cornelius Brink.

*For the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. R. Sluyter, James Romeyn, and the Elder, Mr. Teunis Garder.

*For the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Isaac Labagh, Peter P. Rouse, and the Elder, Mr. Thomas Sammons.

*For the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Philip Duryee, Jacob D. Fonda, and the Elder, Mr. Moses Cowan.

Whereas it has been represented that there are certain individuals, members of the Reformed Dutch Church, who are persuaded that one hundred subscribers might be obtained, for two hundred and fifty dollars each, for the purpose of endowing a professorship in our Theological College; and whereas such object is highly desirable, and meets the cordial approbation of this Synod—Therefore,

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Isaac Heyer, and Jacob R. Hardenbergh, be appointed a committee to carry said object into effect.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the ministers and consistories to give the committee every facility in carrying into effect the above object.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, Jacob Schoonmaker, and the Elder, Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, be a committee to report to this Synod a nomination of three times the number of persons, who shall constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

This committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation; when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Rev. S. S. Woodhull, and Messrs. G. B. Vroom, and I. L. Kip, were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Heyer was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $10 06, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Correspondence.*

The Rev. Frederick W. Van Der Sloote appeared on the floor of Synod, and was invited to a seat as a corresponding delegate from the German Reformed Church.

The delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Agreeably to our appointment, we attended the session of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, convened at Reading, the 30th September, 1821, as delegates from our Synod, and were duly received. We are happy to have in our power unequivocally to express the heartfelt satisfaction which both our reception and our intercourse with our brethren of that Church gave us. They constitute an interesting section of the American Church, and we cannot help expressing our sincere desire that our communion with them may be cherished, till it arrive at that union of interest and concert, which distinguished the forefathers of both our Churches: all which is submitted, as we trust, with Christian affection and candour.

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK,
THOMAS DE WITT.

*Fishkill*, 21*st May*, 1822.

The minutes of the German Reformed Synod were laid on the table of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully submit the following report:

That they find on the minutes of the German Reformed Synod an expression of their ardent wish and desire, that the friendly correspondence established between them and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, be cherished and furthered. Your Committee recommend that the wish expressed by our German brethren, be reciprocated by your Rev. body.

GERARDUS A. KUYPERS.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, on the subject of a correspondence between said Church and the Reformed Dutch Church, presented the following report:

The Committee appointed to confer with a like Committee on the part of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, report,

That they have held the contemplated conference, and the Committees have agreed unanimously to the plan of correspondence which they herewith submit. Your Committee unanimously and cordially recommend it to the adoption of General Synod.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER,
CORNELIUS C. CUYLER,
HENRY RUTGERS.

The report of the *joint Committee*, on the subject of a correspondence with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, is as follows:

"At the house of Henry Rutgers, on the 8th day of June, 1822, the following persons met, in consequence of their appointment, as follows:

*Appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

The Rev. PHILIP MILLEDOLER, D. D.
The Rev. CORNELIUS C. CUYLER,
HENRY RUTGERS:

and,

*Appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,*

The Rev. JOHN B. ROMEYN, D. D.
DIVIE BETHUNE,
(With Dr. NEILL, not present);

A Committee of Conference on the subject of a correspondence to be established between their respective Churches.

The Committees having satisfactorily proved their commissions, Henry Rutgers was appointed Chairman, and Divie Bethune Clerk.

The Rev. Dr. Milledoler opened the meeting with prayer.

After mutual consultation, the following plan was unanimously adopted to be recommended to the respective judicatures:

I. The Churches are to remain entirely separate and independent.

II. Any member of either Church may be received to communion in the other, on producing to the proper church officers sufficient evidence of a good and regular standing in the Church with which he is connected.

III. It shall be permitted to the competent church officers in any congregation, settled or vacant, of either Church, to invite to preach in their pulpit, any minister or probationer, who is in good

standing in either of said Churches, and who preaches in their purity the great doctrines of the gospel, as they are stated in their respective confessions of faith, and have generally been received and taught in the Reformed Churches; but it shall be entirely optional to give or withhold such invitations; nor shall it be esteemed offensive or unkind if the invitation is withheld.

IV. A vacant congregation shall be at liberty to call a minister from either of the Churches, according to the order established in that Church from which he may be called; he conforming himself to the order of the Church to which he shall be called: and in case of a congregation being formed of people from both, it shall be at liberty to put itself under the care of either, at its option.

V. Persons under censure, or process of censure, in either Church, shall not be received in the other Church, while such censure remains, or such process is unfinished.

VI. The Ministers of either Church may be invited to sit as corresponding members in their respective judicatories, except the highest and the lowest, namely, the Church Session and Consistory, the General Assembly and the General Synod.

VII. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, shall each appoint two Ministers and one Elder, with an alternate of each, to sit in these judicatories respectively, with the privilege of deliberating and of voting on all subjects that may come before them.

*Resolved*, That, to carry this last article into effect, the Committee of conference recommend that delegates be appointed at the present meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, provided said Assembly shall concur in the above plan of correspondence.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER,
CORNELIUS C. CUYLER,
HENRY RUTGERS,
JOHN B. ROMEYN,
DIVIE BETHUNE.

*New-York*, 8*th June*, 1822."

*Resolved*, That the seventh article of the above plan of correspondence be so altered, as to limit the corresponding members from each body to *one* Minister and *one* Elder, and that the words "*and of voting*" be erased.

*Resolved* also, That the following article be *added*: "The Ministers of one of the corresponding Churches, shall not in any case intrude upon the office of the Ministers of the other Church."

The report, thus amended, was *adopted.*

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, and the Elder, Mr. Frederick Erringen, be appointed as delegates from this Synod to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to be convened in Philadelphia, on the day of May next; provided, said General Assembly agree to the above articles of correspondence, as adopted by this Synod; and that the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, and the Elder, Mr. George Sterr, be their *secundi.*

*Resolved*, That the Rev. William M'Murray and Wilhelmus Eltinge, be appointed as delegates from this Synod, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church, to be convened at Harrisburgh on the last Sabbath of September, 1822, and that the Rev. Jacob Larzalere and Jacob Schoonmaker be their *secundi.*

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Synodical Reports on the State of the Churches.*

The Committee *on the State of Religion* reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

General Synod, convened under the smiles of a gracious Providence, have the pleasure of communicating to the churches under their care, an account of the dealings of the great Head of the Church with our Zion during the past year. They would praise him that he has left us a name among his people, and continued to us the smiles of his favour. They rejoice that peace and harmony reign throughout our judicatories and churches; that the unity of the Spirit is maintained in the bonds of peace; that the truth, as it is in Jesus, continues to be preached in its purity; that the influences of the spirit of prayer have increased; and that the word and ordinances of God have been blessed to the comforting and strengthening of the people of our God, and the conviction and conversion of many sinners. They would bless Jehovah that our churches have felt a portion of that liberality and activity for the promotion of the divine glory in the salvation of sinners by which the present age is so remarkably character-

ized. They would also mention, with heart-felt gratitude, the continued existence and increasing respectability of our school of the prophets; the lives of our Professors have been spared; they have been enabled to prosecute their arduous and important duties, with constancy and success; a greater number of pious and hopeful youth than usual have attended on their instructions, and have given satisfactory evidence of diligence and success in the prosecution of their studies, by which, under God, they are to be prepared for the work of the gospel ministry, thus inspiring a confident hope, that our Churches, when the present race of ministers shall rest from their labours, shall not be destitute of able and faithful pastors, and men be found to bear the glad tidings of salvation to those who are now sitting in darkness.

The General Synod are happy in being enabled to inform you, that, within the bounds of the Classis of New-York, there are manifest indications of a more than ordinary work of divine grace in several of the congregations; that the ordinances are attended with solemnity; and that there have been considerable additions to their churches during the past year.

That, in the Classis of New-Brunswick, prayer-meetings are held the means of grace are owned and blessed of the Lord, the interests of the Church of Christ are prospering, and, in the congregation of Somerville, an extensive and powerful work of divine grace is progressing.

In the Classis of Paramus, the ordinances of religion are well attended, and, in some of the congregations, special revivals have taken place.

The Classis of Philadelphia find abundant reason to thank the great Head of the Church, for his continued care over their churches, and that he has been pleased to bless the labours of his servants during the past year.

Within the bounds of the Classis of Albany, there exists much to gladden the hearts of the friends of Zion, and to increase their confidence in her exalted King. During the last two years, several of their churches have been abundantly refreshed by the outpourings of God's Spirit. This has been specially the case in the Churches of Schenectady, Coxsackie, Rotterdam, Princetown, and Bethlehem.

The gradual increase of members in the Churches in the Classis of Ulster is encouraging.

In the classis of Poughkeepsie there have been observed signs of awakened attention to religion in the congregations of Kingston, Fishkill, and Fishkill Landing, and a powerful work of divine grace in the congregation of Hyde Park.

The season of refreshing, with which several of the congregations in the classis of Rensselaer were visited during the last year, has continued. Claverack, Greenbush, and Kinderhook, have been specially favoured. Between five and six hundred members have been added to their churches within two years ; by far the greater number of whom, it is hoped, are not only holding on their way, but becoming stronger and stronger. In the other congregations of this Classis, there appears to be an increased attention to religion, particularly to the public worship of God.

Such are the favourable accounts received by General Synod, and they communicate them to you with gratitude and praise. They hope there is much more, not in their power to communicate, of an equally gratifying nature, and calling for thanksgivings to the God of Zion—much which will not be discovered by us till the day of Jesus Christ ; enough, however, is known to lead us to take courage, and go on our way rejoicing —enough to animate our hearts, quicken us to prayer, and inflame our love and zeal.

General Synod cannot tell you that all the interests of our Zion are in the state which they desire them to be : there is much to excite our grief, and call us to redouble our exertions. If our ministers have laboured much and faithfully in the vineyard of our Lord, there remains much more to be done. If many souls have been brought out of darkness into marvellous light, more remain in the valley of the shadow of death. If there be some purity and zeal, we have need of more of the cleansing efficacy of the waters of the sanctuary, and of the spirit which says, " Here am I ; send me." While, therefore, we would call upon you to unite with us in blessing the Lord for his great mercy and grace vouchsafed to us, we would most earnestly exhort and entreat you to redouble your diligence, and " Be stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord ; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Gird yourselves for your warfare ; " Be strong—quit you like men ;" be fervent in spirit, and importunate in prayer ; exert yourselves to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, by cherishing your respective churches, and by upholding by your prayers,

your labours, and your contributions, our school of the prophets, and the Bible, Missionary, and Tract Societies, and Sabbath Schools, by which God in his holy and gracious Providence is watering and fertilizing our miserable and parched world. By so doing, it is confidently hoped you yourselves will be watered and refreshed. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Synodical Appeals.*

The following appeal, taken by the Classis of Paramus, from a decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, was laid upon the table of Synod: viz.

"*To the Particular Synod of New-York.*

"Whereas the Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, and his Consistories of Hanckensack and Schralenbergh, did prefer charges against the Rev. Dr. Solomon Fræligh, before the Classis of Paramus, and the said Classis did acquit Dr. Fræligh, upon the ground that in regard to the matters complained of, Dr. Fræligh had not acted in his individual capacity, but by the authority and direction of his Consistories: and whereas the said James V. C. Romeyn and his Consistories did appeal from the decision of Classis to your Rev. body, and their appeal was sustained by the Synod at their last ordinary session: we, the undersigned, delegates of the Classis of Paramus, in the name and by the direction of the said Classis, hereby appeal from the abovementioned decision to the General Synod, because we conceive that the decision of the Classis of Paramus was just, and agreeable to the excellent rules and constitution of the Dutch Reformed Church, and that the proceedings of the Particular Synod of New-York, in the case, were repugnant thereto.

"STEPHEN GOETCHIUS,
"JAMES D. DEMAREST,
"JOHN T. POST,
"JOHN B. WESTERVELT."

The delegates to Synod from the Classis of Paramus, appeared on the floor of Synod as Commissioners to prosecute the above

appeal; and the membess of the Particular Synod of New-York were permitted to defend the decision of said Particular Synod.

Synod proceeded in the consideration of the appeal, in the following order:

1. The *appeal*, and the *reasons* of the appeal, were read.
2. The *documents* in relation to the case were read.
3. The *appellants* were heard.
4. The *respondents* were heard.
5. The *appellants* were heard in *reply*.

The Synod then proceeded to *decide* on the merits of the appeal, *excluding such members as had voted in the case, either in Classis or Particular Synod.*

It was then moved and seconded, that Synod adopt the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the appeal of the Classis of Paramus from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, be *not* sustained.

The *question* on this resolution being taken, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

The votes were as follows:

*Yeas*—G. A. Kuypers, Bork, Cornelison, Shultz, Fisher, Ferris, Cuyler, Gosman, Kittle, Bronk, Livingston, Van Zandt, Jesse Fonda, Wyckoff, Sickles, Hasbrook, Van Zandtvoord, Z. H. Kuypers, Schermerhorn, Rutgers, Heyer, Hardenbergh, Rapelye, Arrowsmith, Remsen, Erringen, Varick, Souzer, N. Harder, Z. Harder, De Ridder, Vroom, Garrabrantz, Romaine, Miller, Bogert.

*Noes*—John Demarest, Schoonmaker, Overbach, R. A. Westervelt, Uriance, Moulds, Berringer, Brink.

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda was excused from voting.

The Committee on the case of the Rev. Dr. Bradford reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed on the case of Dr. John M. Bradford beg leave to submit to General Synod the following report, viz.

Your Committee report, that they have examined the records and documents on this case, and find that the question on raising the suspension of Dr. Bradford, which has existed since December 2d, A. D. 1820, claims the primary decision of Synod. The appeal was taken from an act of the Classis of Albany, of the 26th of June, A. D. 1821, to the Particular Synod of Albany, and fol-

lowed, at future meetings, by a memorial and a petition from members of the Church and Congregation of Albany, to which Synod can have access. It appears, from the confession of Dr. Bradford, presented to your Committee, and hereby forwarded to Synod, that so far from being unwilling to confess, (where conscious of error or guilt,) he is now willing to make, and actually does hereby make, acknowledgments before the Synod, in the words following, viz.

"He still feels and acknowledges, that he participates in the infirmities of human nature, and has been overtaken in fault. He hesitates not to declare his sorrow for any offence which his conduct may have given, and humbly asks pardon of God and his Church, for all that is or has been amiss or criminal. Had he been conscious that all the particular charges alleged to have been proved against him were true, he would, long ere this, have humbly confessed them. He feels that the Classis were actuated by motives which they considered pure, and conducive to the scriptural support of church discipline; and at the same time, he trusts that an act of relief by Synod will expose them to no reproach, or the cause of Christ to disgrace; as, under the guidance of the divine Spirit, he hopes, and prays, and believes, that his walk will be close with God, and suitable to the situation of one who feels his dependence upon the tender mercies of that God who doth not keep his wrath for ever, but hath mercy on the souls he hath made, and *remembereth that we are dust.*"

The spirit breathed in the confession, and the consideration of no imputation being cast upon him in regard to this sin at present, and the length of time during which he has been disciplined, which appears to your Committee to have answered all its purposes, together with the considerations of the harmony and prosperity of the Church, to whose rules Dr. Bradford has thus long manifested his patient submission and resignation, induce your Committee to recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the preceding confession of the Rev. Dr. John M. Bradford be transmitted to the Classis of Albany, and that they be informed that this Synod believe, that sufficient evidences of his repentance and reformation are now possessed to justify them in removing his suspension, and that Synod recommend them so to do.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CORNELISON, *Chairman.*

Whereas Dr. Bradford does not appear to prosecute his other appeals, and whereas he has not assigned reasons to the President of Synod for neglecting to prosecute said appeals ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Synod consider said appeals to be relinquished by him.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Synodical References.*

The Committee on Synodical minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report,

1st. That in the Minutes of the last General Synod, they find the following items, which require the attention of this Synod, viz.

*First*, The report of a Committee of General Synod, to be made to the present Synod, relative to a complaint made by certain members of the Associate Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh, against the conduct of the Classes of Ulster, in organizing a Dutch Church within their bounds.

*Secondly*, The report of the Committee, to whom the subject of abolishing the particular Synods, was referred, by whom the following resolutions were recommended for adoption, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That in the sense of this Synod, the abolition of the particular Synods is desirable, and that they recommend to the Classes this alteration, to their consideration. for their consent to the same, and request them to send up such decision to the next stated meeting of General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That if the particular Synods be abolished, the different Classes shall appoint their delegates to General Synod.

The final consideration of which report was deferred to the present meeting of Synod.

2dly. That on the minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, your Committee find,

1st. A request of that Synod that the consideration of the subject, relating to the abolition of the Particular Synods be by General Synod indefinitely postponed.

2dly. A reference of the case of Dr. Bradford, embracing two appeals from decisions of the Classes of Albany, and also an appeal from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, excluding from a vote only such Delegates from the Classes of Albany as

had voted on the case in Classis. Your Committee, without transcribing those appeals, with the reasons by which they are intended to be supported, beg leave to refer General Synod for further information to the minutes of the Classis of Albany, the minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, and other papers, which may be brought before them in relation to the case.

On the minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, they find an appeal to this Synod, taken by the Classis of Paramus, from a decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, touching a complaint of the Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn against Dr. S. Frælígh, which is herewith presented to Synod.

(*See Minutes, page* 52, *Article VII.*)

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. FONDA, *Chairman.*

In relation to the complaint of certain members of the Associate Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.

"Whereas it appears, from the representation of the Chairman of the Committee appointed in June last, on the subject of a complaint made by certain members of the Associate Reformed Church of Bloomingburgh, against the Classis of Ulster, that said Church no longer exists as a distinct denomination, therefore

"*Resolved*, That said Committee be discharged."

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to the case of the Rev. Dr. Bradford, be referred to a special Committee.

The Rev. John Cornelison, John Demarest, Wilhelmus Eltinge, Ava Neal, and the Elders, Messrs. John D. Westervelt, Jacob R. Hardenbergh, and James D. Demarest, were appointed such Committee.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the subject, relating to the *abolition* of the Particular Synods, *be indefinitely postponed.*

The subject of *a new organization* of the Particular Synods being under discussion, it was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. G. R. Livingston, Jacob Sickles, C. C. Cuyler, and the Elders, Messrs. G. B Vroom, and Isaac Heyer.

A memorial, signed by twenty-five members of the Church and Congregation of Owasco, containing matter of complaint against the

Rev. Coenrad Ten Eyck, and requesting the interference of Synod in the case, was read, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Sickles, Jacob Schoonmaker, Andrew N. Kittle, and the Elders Messrs. Isaac Heyer, and Frederic Erringen.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee regret to find, from the communication to General Synod by certain individuals in the congregation of Owasco, that the difficulties in regard to the Rev. C. Ten Eyck, in said Church, have not been removed by those measures which the Synod took at their extra session, in the city of Albany, in the fall of 1820. The fond hope was indulged that this business, which had created so much trouble and painful agitation in the Reformed Dutch Church, would have been put to rest, and the parties concerned, have dutifully complied with the solemn determination made by Synod in the case.

If it should appear to be a fact, as stated by the petitioners, that said Ten Eyck has not complied with the order of Synod, but that he still adheres to the erroneous sentiments contained in his *defence*, and that he continues to propagate them publicly, your Committee cannot but think that he has been guilty of a dereliction of duty, highly censurable and unworthy of a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your Committee, moreover, are of opinion, that this Synod have, constitutionally, immediate cognizance of this matter, having made a solemn decision in the case, it properly behoves them to see that that decision be complied with and enforced ; they would, therefore, recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, enjoined upon the Classis of Montgomery, as soon as may be, to inquire into the matters communicated by the petitioners to General Synod, and to deal with the Rev. C. Ten Eyck as circumstances may require, and that they report the result of their proceedings to this Synod, at its next ordinary meeting.

J. SICKLES, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the memorialists at Owasco be furnished with a copy of the above resolution.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Church Government.*

The Committee appointed on the subject of a *new organization* of the particular Synods, (see art. 8.) brought in their report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the new organization of the Particular Synods submit, for the consideration of General Synod, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following plan for the increase and new organization of the Particular Synods be sent down to the several Classes, and when ratified by a majority of the Classes, shall take effect—viz.

1. The Classes of Montgomery, Washington, and Albany, shall constitute the Synod of Albany.
2. The Classes of Rensselaer, Poughkeepsie, and Ulster, shall constitute the Synod of Ulster.
3. The Classes of New-York, Long-Island, and Bergen, shall constitute the Synod of New-York.
4. The Classes of Paramus, New-Brunswick, and Philadelphia, shall constitute the Synod of New-Brunswick.
5. Every minister and an elder from each consistory belonging to a Classis, shall be entitled to a seat in the Synod to which such Classis belongs.

G. R. LIVINGSTON, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE X.

### *Doctrines and Morals.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

### *Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### *Queens College.*

The following document was laid upon the table of Synod, by a committee of the Trustees of Queens College, and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Henry Rutgers, Isaac Heyer, Frederick Erringen, G. B. Vroom, and J. V. B. Varick.

*Board of Trustees*, 20*th May*, 1822.

*Resolved*, That be a committee to wait on General Synod, to receive their answer to the offer of this Board, of the College edifice and lot, at $8000, on the terms therein mentioned: and if their answer shall be in the negative, then that the said Committee be authorized to make the Synod the additional offer of the lots fronting on George-street, one hundred feet deep, unincumbered with any restrictions whatever; and if such proposition be rejected, then to receive such further offers as the Synod may make, subject to the future decisions of this Board.

Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh and I. Ferris were appointed said committee.

I certify the above to be a true extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees of Queens College.

CORNELIUS L. HARDENBERGH, *Secretary.*

The committee to whom the above document was referred reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Trustees of Queens College, dated May 20, 1822, respectfully report:

That in their opinion there are objections to the purchase of the property offered by the Board of Trustees, considering the state of the funds of General Synod, which are of a serious nature. While it is with difficulty the necessary funds are raised to meet the expenses already authorized by the acts of Synod, and appeals are constantly making to our churches for their aid in these most important concerns, unless the most urgent reasons should dictate it, the Committee think liabilities of such a serious nature should not be incurred. The possession of the building, it appears to the Committee, would be a source of constant em-

barrassment. A considerable expense would have to be incurred to make the property productive, besides the original purchase-money; and how such additional funds could be raised, is unknown to your Committee. The only wish of Synod, so far as the Committee know, is to obtain the payment of the debt due to them, and the Committee cannot see why Synod should, if the property in question is sufficient for the debt, incur the trouble, and run the risk of embarrassments, such as your Committee apprehend.

Believing that General Synod desire to make a settlement of this business, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1. That the Synod are willing to accept from the Board of Trustees, unrestricted with conditions, so much of the College lot as may, by a fair valuation, be sufficient for the discharge of their debt, with the interest.

2. That in order to ascertain the value, the Board of Trustees appoint two appraisers, and the Board of Corporation, on behalf of General Synod, appoint two others, which four gentlemen shall appoint a fifth, and the determination of the value of said lots made by those five appraisers, shall be final in the case.

3. That this arrangement take place as soon as the title of said property can be legally vested in General Synod.

In behalf of the Committee.

HENRY RUTGERS, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 12, 1822.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### *Professorate.*

The Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon and Wilhelmus Eltinge were chosen members of the Board of Superintendents, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of the Rev. John S. Vredenbergh and Charles Hardenbergh.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate report:

Your Committee are happy to learn, from the report of the Board of Superintendents, that the Theological College, as to its internal state, continues to prosper. In the communication of the Board, which has appeared before this Synod, it is stated that

an improved system of theological study has been adopted ; that at the last examination, the students generally acquitted themselves in a manner highly satisfactory to the Board ; and that the business of the institution had obviously been pursued with greater application and effect than at any former session. They further state, that there has been a large increase of members in the College, and mention this, with reason, as a decisive proof of the growing respectability and usefulness of the institution.

Your Committee congratulate this house and our churches on this encouraging representation; and happy would they feel if they had it in their power to say, that the prospects of the institution were in other respects equally flattering: but they are under the painful necessity of declaring, that its pecuniary resources appear to be diminishing. The report of the Superintendents in relation to this point, must fill the heart of every friend of religion, and of the interests of our Church, with grief and alarm. It must not be disguised, they say, that unless something is promptly done to augment its funds, the institution cannot proceed. This, your Committee fear, is not an unwarranted assertion. And what more can be done by this Synod to awaken our slumbering churches? Earnest and affectionate appeals have been made to them year after year on this subject, but without effect. A great proportion of them still persevere in their criminal neglect, and pay not the least regard to our pressing requests and recommendations. But your Committee cannot yet find it in their heart to believe that all hope must be abandoned. They are not yet prepared to say that the time is come to fold our arms, and sit down in despair. They believe that this Synod ought at least to make one effort more to save from ruin an institution which has been established, and thus far supported, by our care and exertions ; an institution with which are connected the prosperity of our church, and the glory of the Redeemer's kingdom.

And may there not be reason to suppose that the embarrassed state of our funds is in some measure owing to the adoption of improper means to replenish them? Have we not perhaps met with defeat and disappointment, because we have attempted too much? Your Committee, with deference to your superior wisdom, would take the liberty to say, that, after mature reflection, they were unanimously of the opinion that this Synod ought to recommend it to the Board of Corporation to simplify their plan of finance. Instead of multiplying collections, until our people

are wearied and disgusted, let us call upon them for contributions only once or twice in the year, and probably more will be effected than has hitherto been done. The Board of Superintendents say it is ascertained, that were the twenty-five cent. contribution alone universally adopted, it would place the operations of the seminary above embarrassment. Your Committee believe that the declaration is correct—and if it is correct, we need not despair. Let the attention of our churches be directed to this simple fact ; let this General Synod place it before them, and let them be asked, as they must answer it to their Judge at the last day, whether they will suffer their Theological College to languish, and die, for the want of a contribution "*which even poverty itself might spare.*" We hope that *not a member* will be found who will not cheerfully come forward and contribute his mite. At the same time that this contribution is received from our members, let collections be taken up, that all the friends of our church may have the opportunity to bring their gifts into the treasury of God.

Your Committee have directed their chairman to recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, grounded on the above report, and the communications which have been put into their hands :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod address a pastoral letter to the churches under their care, on the subject of the Theological College.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the ministers and churches under the care of this Synod, to direct their principal attention, during the ensuing year, in the behalf of our Theological Seminary, to the twenty-five cent contribution.

3. *Resolved*, That the twenty-five cent contribution, and the collections to be taken up at the same time, be made on New-Year's day, or on the first Sabbath after that shall be most convenient.

4. *Resolved*, That the churches in which the twenty-five cent contribution is not made, shall make all the collections ordered by Synod in 1820.

5. *Resolved*, That Wells May, Henry Mandeville, Joseph Williams, Thomas A. Amerman, and James Stephenson, recommended by the Consistories of Union Village, Coxsackie, the Garden-street Church, and the Church in Market-street, New-York, be, and are hereby recommended to the Trustees of Queens

College, to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund; and that to each of these beneficiaries be allowed the sum of 120 dollars per annum.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod allow Samuel Center the time he has studied in the Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church.

7. *Resolved*, That this Synod do not deem it consistent to grant the application of Benaiah Y. Morse, who requests a dispensation to prosecute the study of Theology under the care of the Rev. Mr. Westbrook.

8. *Resolved*, That it is unnecessary to attend, at present, to the request in favour of Ransford Wells, inasmuch as he requires no aid till the year 1825.

9. *Resolved*, That the meeting of the Board of Superintendents be held in future on the Tuesday of the week preceding the annual meeting of General Synod.

All which is submitted.

J. SICKLES, *Chairman.*

The Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, Ava Neal, and the Elder, Mr. Christian Miller, were appointed a Committee to draft a Pastoral letter to the churches, as contemplated in one of the preceding resolutions.

## ARTICLE XV.

### *Students of Theology.*

The Committee, to whom the case of Mark Jordon was referred, (see article 3,) reported, and their report being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Classis of New-York, relating to the case of Mark Jordan, a coloured man, submit the following:

As it appears from the communication, that the only difficulty in the case lies in this, that Mr. Jordan cannot produce all the documents required by the third article of the explanatory articles of Church government, your Committee recommend that Synod adopt the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Classis of New-York be at liberty to receive Mark Jordan under their care as a student of divinity, if they

think proper to do so, notwithstanding the want of a document required in the article above referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SICKLES, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XVI.

### *Church Visitation.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### *Prevailing Sins.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### *Missions.*

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

The Committee on Missions report,

That, from the papers committed to their care, they learn, with much satisfaction, that the cause of Missions has received more attention, during the past year, than formerly. Little, however, has as yet been done in proportion to the magnitude of the subject. Christians have not felt that deep interest for the welfare of those who are destitute of the means of grace, and are perishing for the lack of vision, which their wretched condition demands. In the blessed work of send ng to them the gospel, every heart ought to unite, and every exertion be made. The providence of God has specially cast upon our Zion, the spiritual instruction of multitudes in this land. Educated in our Church, they prefer its doctrines, and its ministers, to any other, and would more readily receive our missionaries than those which are sent out by other denominations. To us they look for aid; to us they lift up their voice and cry, "Come over and help us." Too long already have we heard their cry, and remained unmoved and unaffected with their distressed situation. It is high time the Church should awake

from its guilty slumber, and wipe away the reproach of former years. Sinners are flocking in crowds down the broad road to destruction, and no ambassador of Jesus is at hand to warn them. The period has arrived when the sad complaint should cease which has so often been made, " want of missionaries—want of means."

During the past year, the " Committee of Missions" have employed six missionaries, who have fulfilled their respective appointments. Much good has resulted from their labours, in extending the kingdom of the Redeemer, by building up weak and divided congregations, by forming new Churches, and, it is fondly hoped, by winning souls to Christ.

Your Committee hail with joy the recent organization of a new society in this city, by the name of the " Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church." It has commenced its operations with very flattering success, and has proved, most conclusively, that much more might be done with suitable exertion, than has as yet been attempted, if the whole Church realized its duty, and its privilege.

Your Committee recommend, for adoption, the following resolutions :

1st. That hereafter the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, be the Standing Committee of Missions, and that they be required to give a digest of their proceedings, annually, to General Synod.

2dly. That it be recommended to all our Ministers and Consistories, to attempt the formation of Auxiliary Societies in their respective congregations, to aid the Committee of Missions ; and that it also be recommended to them to form like Societies in aid of the United Foreign Missionary Society, and that the several Classes be directed to inquire whether these recommendations are observed.

3dly. That it be recommended to all our Churches to take up collections at the Monthly Concert for prayer, for the support of the United Foreign Missionary Society, or the Committee of Missions, as they shall please.

G. R. LIVINGSTON, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Jesse Fonda, agreeably to appointment, preached the annual Missionary Sermon before Synod, from Romans x. 13, 14, 15, on the evening of the seventh day of the session, when a collection was taken up for missionary purposes.

The Rev. James Romeyn was appointed to preach the annual Missionary Sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod; and the Rev. John Ludlow was appointed his *secundus*.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### *Widows' Fund.*

The Rev. C. C. Cuyler, Robert Bronk, and the Elder, Mr. Christian Miller, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the state of the Widows' Fund, to report to Synod at its next stated meeting.

## ARTICLE XX.

### *Particularia.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### *Pastoral Letter.*

The Committee appointed for the purpose, reported a Pastoral Letter to the Churches, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in North America, to the Churches under their care:

Grace, mercy, and peace, be multiplied unto you, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. We are living in a very interesting and eventful period of the world. The Church of God appears to have awaked out of the slumber of ages, and to feel the necessity and duty of extending the Redeemer's kingdom throughout the earth. And when we look back on the state of the Church for ages past, and consider how her beauty has been marred, and her exertions paralyzed, by the bigotry and superstition of party spirit, which spent its zeal in extending its own name, and not that of their common Lord and Redeemer; we cannot but rejoice in the increasing spirit of harmony and love which is prevailing among brethren of different denominations, and the union of operations which flow from it as a necessary consequence. It is, however, a fact, notwithstanding the laudable exertions of some

of our Churches, a very great degree of apathy and indifference is too prevalent among us, as a people, and that we are very far behind our sister Churches in our exertions to build up the waste places in our land, and in extending the Redeemer's kingdom. It is also to be feared that there are many among us whose zeal evaporates in the praises of our excellent institutions, and in condemning others, when the good works of others ought rather to provoke us to jealousy to go and do likewise; and there can be no doubt, but that Church which does most for the extension of the kingdom of God, approaches the nearest to the primitive and apostolical Church.

The General Synod wishes the Churches under their care distinctly to understand, that much greater exertions are necessary than ever yet have been made, to wipe away our reproach on the subject of Missions, to preserve our Theological School from absolute destruction, and even to retain our distinct character among the American Churches. On the subject of Missions, as a body, we have indeed done something, but nothing worthy of ourselves, and the name of a Reformed Dutch Church; for although the oldest Church within the bounds of this Synod, we are among the last and least in this labour of love.

The Theological School has been founded, and maintained, thus far, at a great expense. Her funds appear now to be in a low and depressed state, and the collections which have been made are inadequate to support it on its present establishment, without resorting to the permanent fund, which, if once touched, will soon be exhausted. The Synod, therefore, would state to the Churches, that the funds must be increased, or the School abandoned. With regard to numbers, the School is now in a more flourishing situation than ever. During the year 1821, fifteen have been added, and at the close of the term, the whole number were twenty-five. This shows us clearly the increasing usefulness and importance of this excellent institution. The Synod would now ask the Churches, whether they are prepared to abandon an institution which has already supplied our Churches with so many useful Ministers, and to which many vacant Churches are looking for further supplies, and that too when in successful operation, and when it can be done, as appears by the report of the Board of Superintendents, by a contribution of only twenty-five cents, annually, from every member of our Churches? What a disgrace will it be to us! What an indelible

stigma must be fixed upon us, if we suffer the glory and pride of our Church thus to pass away! The Synod cannot refrain from observing, that if our Churches should suffer the Theological School to be abandoned for want of support, that the necessary consequence will be, that we must soon cease to exist as a distinct Church, and that we will inevitably become amalgamated with some other denominations. If, then, the Churches are not prepared for this event, let them manifest it by a decided and liberal support of our Theological Seminary. The General Synod have appointed Committees in the different Classes, to visit the congregations under their care, to concert and carry into effect such measures as will have a tendency to increase the funds of this body; and they cherish the hope, that their Committees will be kindly received, and meet a cordial co-operation in every Church, to prosecute the objects for which they have been appointed.

The Synod sincerely hope a plain statement of facts is all that is necessary to open the eyes, and hearts, and hands, of our Churches, to this important object; for they will not, for a moment believe, that in our Churches, where there exists so much candour, Christian charity, liberality, and wealth, there can be so much parsimony, penury, and indifference, as will lead to the destruction of the Theological Institution. On the contrary, they fondly cherish the hope, that the funds of this body will be so augmented the ensuing year, as shall warrant them, at their next meeting, to fill the professorship, still vacant, contemplated in the organization of the Theological College, and thus place it in a more eligible, respectable, and useful situation than ever.

JOHN F. SCHERMERHORN, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XXII.

### *Synodical Archives.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### *Resumption and Close.*

The minutes were read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish seven hundred copies of the minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

### *Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of June, 1823, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PH. MILLEDOLER, *President.*
C. C. CUYLER, *Adsessor.*
ISAAC FERRIS, } *Clerks*
ISAAC M. FISHER, } *pro. tem*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

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*** *In sending these Minutes to the Churches, the Stated Clerk, at the instance of the Board of Corporation, would earnestly direct the particular attention of every Minister and friend of the Reformed Dutch Church, to the report of the Committee on the Professorate,* (pp. 61, 62,) *adopted by Synod, and also to the Pastoral Letter,* (pp. 66, 67, 68.)

*Let it be realized by all, that, upon a* general *and careful attention, throughout the Churches, to the twenty-five cent collection, on, or about the first of January, is suspended the important interests, and, perhaps, the very existence of our* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

THE END.

# THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE Reformed Dutch Church IN NORTH AMERICA,

AT

*ALBANY, FEBRUARY,* 1823.

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# Acts and Proceedings

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, convened in Extra-Session, at Albany, on Friday the twenty-first of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.*

## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, the President of Synod.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members Present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Dr. Milledoler.
Elder Mr. Isaac Heyer.

2. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—None.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Isaac Ferris.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—None.

5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Dr. Bassett.
Elder Mr. John Covert.

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—None.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Jacob Sickles, Isa. Y. Johnston, and James Romeyn,
Elders, Messrs. John C. Hogeboom, N. Harder, and T. Harder.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. I. N. Wyckoff.

3. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Robert Bronk, Gilbert R. Livingston, and Peter Van Zandt.
Elders, Messrs. John I. Bogert, V. D. Oothout, and Christian Miller.

4. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Cor. C. Cuyler, and John Gosman.
Elders, Messrs. T. Souzer, H. Wiltsie, and T. W. Stoutenbergh.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. John F. Schemerhorn.
Elder, Mr. John Ingold.

6. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Philip Duryee, and J. D. Fonda.
Elders, Messrs. Moses Cowan, T. Berringer, and S. De Ridder.

## ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D. President.
Rev. Cor. C. Cuyler, Adsessor.
Rev. Isaac Ferris and James Romeyn, Clerks.

# ACTS OF SYNOD.

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## ARTICLE XIV.

*Professorate.*

The President communicated to Synod a constitutional request, which he had received, to call a special meeting of Synod, and a copy of the Circular, calling this meeting, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the resignation of his office in the Theological School, tendered by Professor Ludlow to the Board of Superintendants, at their late stated meeting; and to do all such other things, in relation to said professorship, as the nature of the case shall require."

Upon this subject the following documents were laid upon the table of Synod, viz:

1. An extract from the minutes of the Board of Superintendants at an extraordinary meeting convened at the call of the President, in New-Brunswick, Oct. 23, 1822, as follows :

" A communication was received from Professor Ludlow, notifying the Board of his resignation of the Professorship of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History, as follows :

" ' *To the Board of Superintendants of the Theological College,*

" ' Reverend Brethren—Having received and accepted an invitation to the pastoral charge of the Reformed North Dutch Church in the city of Albany, I do hereby resign the Professorship of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History in the Theological College.

" ' This decision has been made with reluctance ; but the increasing embarrassment of the funds, and the failure of support, without the prospect of permanent relief, have rendered it unavoidable.

" ' I am with sentiments of great respect, your fellow servant in the Gospel.

JOHN LUDLOW."

" ' *New-Brunswick, Aug.* 27, 1822.'

" In relation to Mr. Ludlow's communication, it was

" *Resolved*, That the Board have not authority to accept of a Professor's resignation, inasmuch as Professors are appointed by General Synod, and can be dismissed only by that body.

" *Resolved*, That the Board transmit a copy of the above resolution to Professor Ludlow, and to the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church at Albany.

" Extract from the minutes of the Board.

WILLIAM M'MURRAY, *Clerk.*"

" *New-York, February* 17, 1823."

2. A communication from the Consistory of the North Dutch Church of Albany, as follows :

" At a meeting of the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in the city of Albany, on the 20th day of February, 1823,

" *Resolved unanimously*, That Elders John D. P. Douw, John R. Bleecker, and Abraham Van Vechten, be, and are hereby appointed, the Special Delegates of this Consistory, to present to the General Synod of the said church, at their extra meeting to be held on the 21st instant, the following communication :

" *To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in the United States of America.*

" Your extra meeting at this time, as we are informed in consequence of the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Ludlow, of his Professorship in the Theological School, to accept the pastoral charge of our congregation, renders it proper that we should state to your Reverend body, the reasons which impelled us to present and press our call upon Mr. Ludlow.

"The Synod are fully apprised of the unhappy situation in which our Church and Congregation have been placed for a long time, and of the final result. On this point it would be painful, and, as we apprehend, unnecessary to enter into particulars. Suffice it therefore to observe that, as is usual in such cases, we have in some degree experienced the evils and dangers not only of disunion and bitter feelings, but of great diversities of opinion in the choice of a pastor to fill our vacant pulpit. Thus circumstanced, we proceeded as we trust with caution, and a deep sense of our responsibility, in making a selection. At one period we almost despaired of obtaining a choice, which should afford a reasonable hope of removing those evils and dangers, when the Rev. Mr. Ludlow providentially visited his friends in this quarter, and at our instance, was prevailed upon to preach for us. From that moment, there appeared to be but one opinion in the congregation, that under his pastoral charge, we should, with the blessing of Divine Providence, become a united and a flourishing Church and Congregation. This favourable appearance soon matured into a settled conviction, and produced the call to Mr. Ludlow, which he has accepted. The communication which announced his acceptance, apprised us that by the constitution of the Theological School, he was bound to give six months notice of his resignation to the Board of Superintendants. To that obligation we submitted willingly; and the cheering hope of his coming to us, as soon as it is fulfilled, has happily removed every ground of apprehension of future inquietude in the congregation relative to a pastor. Mr. Ludlow has recently informed us of his intention to commence his pastoral labours on the second Sabbath in March next, and at the same time signified his wish to be then installed; for which purpose the Reverend Classis of Albany did sometime since make the necessary arrangements. Should any thing remain to be done by the General Synod to consummate our ardent wishes, of which, however, we are not apprised, permit us to solicit your favourable attention to it, at your present meeting.

"Intimations have been thrown out by individual ministers that the 24th explanatory article, gives to the Synod a veto upon Mr. Ludlow's resignation. Those intimations we consider as flowing from a hasty and incorrect view of the article. For to us, it seems to apply only to professors under the old system, and to have no bearing upon the professors of the Theological School, inasmuch as that is a new institution, bottomed upon a separate constitution, formed for it by the General Synod, the third article of which, imposes no other restriction upon the professor's right to resign, than the giving of six months notice to the superintendants.

"We should regret sincerely, if our gratification in this instance, could be the means of any injury to the Theological School, but we cherish a confident hope that the wisdom of the General Synod, will enable your reverend body, without difficulty to supply, from within the range of the church, the place of Mr. Ludlow in that valuable institution, and that his useful labours in this part of the vineyard, will amply compensate for any temporary inconvenience which his resignation may have produced.

"By order of the Consistory,

JOHN D. P. DOUW, P. *Pro Tem.*"

3. A letter addressed by Professor Ludlow, to Mr. Garrit Gates of Albany, as follows:

"*New-Brunswick, Feb.* 12, 1823.

"Dear Sir—I have received your esteemed favours of the 1st and 6th inst. You will please to state to the Consistory, that by the leave of Providence, it is my wish to be installed on the second Sabbath, or 9th day of March—I expect to be with you about the 6th or 7th of the same month. My intention is to leave my family in New-Brunswick—to stay with you until the river opens, then return, and immediately remove my family to Albany. Let me know if you please, in season, whether the Consistory can make arrangements to meet my wishes, in relation to the installation.

"Yours with affectionate regard,

JOHN LUDLOW."

4. A report from the Committee, appointed by Synod in June last, for the purpose of raising a fund for the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological College,—as follows:

"Your Committee report,—That they have made considerable progress in discharge of the trust committed to them; that there is now subscribed the sum of twenty thousand, two hundred dollars.

"Your Committee entertain a confident hope of obtaining at least, the sum contemplated by Synod at the time they were appointed.

"Your Committee deem it imposed upon them to inform Synod, that many of the subscriptions made, are upon the condition that the Rev. Mr. Ludlow continues your Professor, and also that their further progress depends much upon the same circumstance.

"Respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *Chairman of the Committee.*"

"*New-York, February* 17*th*, 1823."

Synod then resolved to adopt the following preamble and resolutions, viz:—

Whereas, it has appeared to this Synod that the Rev. John Ludlow, Professor of Biblical Criticism, &c. of the Reformed Dutch Church, in the Theological College at New Brunswick, did, on the 27th day of August, 1822, notify the Board of Superintendants of said College, that in six months from the day of the date of said notification, he should resign said Professorship—and whereas this Synod have ascertained, that their Professor aforesaid, was induced to signify the resignation of his office in said College, and to accept a call from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the city of Albany, in consequence of serious embarrassment in the state of the funds for the support of his Professorship, and consequent failure of that support—and whereas great and successful exertions have recently been made in many of our Churches, to prevent the recurrence of similar embarrassment, and said Professor enjoys so much of the confidence of this Church and Synod, as to render his continuance in his present office highly desirable—as, moreover, the Constitution of this Church requires, that, in case of the resignation of a Professorship, this Synod shall judge of its propriety, and the very nature of the connexion of our Professors with said Synod requires such judgment:—

Therefore *Resolved*, 1. That no Professor in the Theological College of the Reformed Dutch Church, either may, or can, by the Constitution of said Church, accept a call to any other situation, until having given due notice to the Board of Superintendants of his desire to resign; he shall also actually have obtained the consent of this Synod to such resignation.

2. That all the circumstances of the present case being duly considered; until reasons more important, than have yet appeared to this Synod, shall be offered for the removal of Professor Ludlow, the Synod judge it to be his duty to continue in his present situation.

3. That if Professor Ludlow shall nevertheless consider it his duty to resign his present situation, that then his resignation be accepted, on his signifying the same to the President of this Synod.—

*Resolved*, That the Clerk furnish a certified copy of the proceedings in the case of his resignation, to the Rev. Professor Ludlow.

*Resolved*, That this Synod have heard with pleasure, the report, in part, of their agents appointed at their last meeting, to solicit subscriptions for the endowment of a Professorship—and that the thanks of Synod be given them for their zeal and fidelity in the discharge of the duties of their appointment.

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## ARTICLE XXIII.

### *Resumption and Close.*

The minutes were read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk, publish the usual number of copies of the minutes of this session of Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

### *Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of June, 1823, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PH. MILLEDOLER, *President.*
COR. C. CUYLER, *Adsessor.*
ISAAC FERRIS, } *Clerks pro tempore.*
JAMES ROMEYN, }

Official copy from the original minutes,

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

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# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Albany, on Wednesday the fourth of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three. The Session continued from the fourth to the twelfth day of June inclusive.*

## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the REV. PHILIP MILLEDOLER, D. D. the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Rom. xiv. 19.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Thomas G. Smith, John F. Jackson, and Peter I. Van Pelt.
Elders, Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, John Crolius, and Abraham Labagh.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Isaac Fisher, Samuel A. Van Vranken, and John M'Clure.
Elder, Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. John Duryea, James V. C. Romeyn, and John Cornelison.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge and John I. Chrystie.
Elder, Mr. Simeon Van Winkle.

5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Dr. John Bassett* and Zechariah H. Kuypers.*

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Dr. Jacob Brodhead and Peter Labagh.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. James Romeyn, Isaiah Y. Johnston, and Benjamin C. Taylor.†
Elders, Messrs. Cornelius Van Allen, Evert Van Allen,† and Derick Van Vleet.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Jesse Fonda, James Murphy, and Isaac N. Wyckoff.
Elders, Messrs. Henry Hammond, and John I. Hardenbergh.

3. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Philip Duryea, Isaac A. Van Hook, and Jacob D. Fonda.‡
Elders, Messrs, Jacob Yates, Frederick T. Berringer,† and Simon De Ridder.

4. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Winslow Paige,§ Paul Wiedman, and J. F. Schermerhorn,†
Elders, Messrs. Peter Swart, jr.† and John Ingold.†

5. *Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Dr. Andrew Yates, John De Witt, and Thomas Romeyn.‖
Elders, Messrs. Abraham Van Vechten, John B. Miller, and David Burhance.¶

6. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Herman Vedder, David Parker, and Andrew N. Kittle.
Elder, Mr. Samuel Ten Brook.

* Took their seats on the *sixth* day of the session.
† Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.
‡ Rev. Abraham J. Swits, the *secundus*, occupied the seat on the last day of the session.
§ Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the session, and was succeeded by the *secundus*, Rev. R. H. Hasbrook upon the seventh day of the session.
‖ Rev. Samuel Kissam, the *secundus*, occupied the seat for one day.
¶ Took his seat on the *fourth* day of the session.

### ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Jesse Fonda was chosen President.

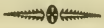
Rev. John De Witt was chosen Adsessor.

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff and James Romeyn were chosen Clerks *pro tem.*

### ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of Minutes.*

The minutes of the last *annual* Session of Synod and of the *extra* Session held at Albany in February last, were read.



## ACTS OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

### ARTICLE II.

*Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed :—

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Drs. Brodhead and Yates ; Rev. Messrs. Eltinge, De Witt, and Labagh ; and the Elders, Messrs. Van Vechten and J. R. Hardenbergh.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Messrs. Van Vranken and Murphy ; and the elder, Mr. J. I. Hardenbergh.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Messrs. Van Pelt, Cornelison and Johnston ; and the Elders, Messrs. Crolius and Labagh.

*On Missions.*—Rev. Messrs. Parker, Vedder, Thomas Romeyn, Chrystie, and the Elder, Mr. Ten Brook.

*On the state of Religion.*—Rev. Messrs. J. V. C. Romeyn, Wyckoff, Philip Duryea, and Paige,* and the Elder, Mr. Abraham Van Nest.

*On Overtures.*—Rev. Dr. Yates, Van Hook, Kittle, and the Elder, Mr. Hammond.

* Mr. Taylor, upon Mr. Paige's obtaining leave of absence, was substituted in his place, upon this Committee.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Communications.*

The following communication was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence :—

*Session of the General Assembly, May* 22, 1823.

*Resolved*, That the plan of Correspondence, as amended by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, together with the additional article, proposed by that body, be adopted, with an expression of a hope, however, that the additional article in question will be reconsidered by the Synod at their next meeting ; so that, unless it should be regarded as of vital importance to the mutual and friendly correspondence of both bodies, it may be expunged ; depending, in this case, upon the honourable principles of intercourse founded on our common Christianity.

The several articles of the plan were then read, and the vote taken upon them separately ; and, finally, the vote being taken upon the whole, they were adopted.

WILLIAM NEILL, *Stated Clerk.*

Communications were received from the Consistory of the Church of the English Neighbourhood, recommending Elias Walling, and from the Consistory of the Church at Bedminster, recommending George H. Fisher, as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund—which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed in June last, for the purpose of raising a fund for the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :—

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, at a meeting held in the city of New-York, in June, 1822, for the purpose of endeavouring to obtain one hundred subscriptions, of two hundred and fifty dollars each, for endowing a professorate in the Theological College, *Report*, that, in the prosecution of the duties assigned them, the following exhibit contains the result of their labours:—

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| *Professors of Theology.* | | |
| John H. Livingston, | $ 500 | |
| John Ludlow, | 250 | |
| | | 750 |
| *Congregation at Spotswood.* | | |
| J. R. Hardenbergh, | | 250 |
| *Congregation at New-Brunswick.* | | |
| By the Consistory, | | 250 |
| *Congregation at Philadelphia.* | | |
| Rev. Jacob Brodhead, | 250 | |
| G. W. Mentz and Frederick Erringer, | 250 | |
| E. Thompson, | 500 | |
| William Spahn, | 250 | |
| | | 1,250 |
| *Congregation at Saurland.* | | |
| Rev. Peter Labagh, | 250 | |
| By the Consistory, | 500 | |
| | | 750 |
| *Congregation at Middletown and Freehold.* | | |
| Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, | 250 | |
| By the Consistory, | 250 | |
| | | 500 |
| *Collegiate Churches in the City of New-York.* | | |
| Rev. G. A. Kuypers and P. Milledoler, | 250 | |
| Rev. John Knox and P. N. Strong, | 250 | |
| Abraham Van Nest, | 500 | |
| Isaac Heyer, | 500 | |
| Rev. P. Van Zandt and Dr. John Neilson, | 250 | |
| Stephen Reed, | 250 | |
| James Van Antwerp, | 250 | |
| Cornelius Ray, | 250 | |
| Isaac L. Kip, | 250 | |
| John I. Labagh, | 250 | |
| Michael Schoonmaker and John W. Hinton, | 250 | |
| David L. Haight, | 250 | |
| Abraham Brinkerhoff, | 500 | |
| Consistory of the Collegiate Churches, New-York, | 5,000 | |
| Samuel Ward and James Ward, | 250 | |
| Elizabeth Duryea, | 250 | |
| Eliza Evertson, | 250 | |
| Carried over, | 9,750 | $3,750 |

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| Brought forward, | $9,750 | $3,750 |
| Magdalene Oothout, | 250 | |
| Elizabeth Pierce, | 250 | |
| Peter Sharpe, | 250 | |
| William Mandeville, | 250 | |
| Dr. John Clark, | 400 | |
| Gerard Beekman, | 250 | |
| James C. Roosevelt, | 250 | |
| George Janeway, | 250 | |
| James Van Antwerp, jr. | 250 | |
| Lawrence Proudfoot, | 500 | |
| Dr. Henry M. Van Solingen, | 250 | |
| R. Van Derbeck, | 250 | |
| Richard Duryea, | 250 | |
| John Brown, | 50 | |
| | —— | 13,450 |
| *Congregation at Raritan.* | | |
| By the Consistory, | 1,000 | |
| And they have since authorised the Committee to add | 500 | |
| | —— | 1,500 |
| *Congregation at Shannick.* | | |
| Dennis Van Lewe, | 250 | |
| John Wyckoff, jr. | 250 | |
| Jacob Williamson, | 250 | |
| Christianus Van Dorn, | 250 | |
| Rev. Gabriel Ludlow and Mr. Abraham P. Quick, | 250 | |
| Nicholas Dubois & Co. | 250 | |
| Henry Van Derveer, | 250 | |
| | —— | 1,750 |
| *Congregation at Bergen.* | | |
| Richard Cadmus, | 250 | |
| By the Consistory, | 750 | |
| | —— | 1,000 |
| *Congregation at Six Mile Run.* | | |
| By the Consistory, | | 500 |
| *Congregation at Millstone.* | | |
| Rev. John L. Zabriskie, | 250 | |
| By the Consistory, | 500 | |
| | —— | 750 |
| *Congregation at Bedminster.* | | |
| By the Consistory, | | 500 |
| Carried forward, | | $23,200 |

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| Brought forward, | | $23,200 |
| *Congregations at North and South Hampton.* | | |
| By the Consistories . . . . . | | 250 |
| *Congregation at Redington.* | | |
| John M. Schenck and John Kline, . . . | 250 | |
| John W. Hall & Sons, . . . . . | 200 | |
| Martin Wyckoff, jr. and John Wyckoff, . . | 250 | |
| Joana Dumont, . . . . . | 50 | |
| | | 750 |
| *South Church in New-York.* | | |
| Peter Remsen, . . . . . | 250 | |
| John D. Keese, and John Nitchie, . . . | 250 | |
| Cornelius Heyer and G. B. Vroom, . . . | 250 | |
| Laurence V. De Forest and John Suydam, . | 250 | |
| John Stewart, jr. $125, Garrit Storm, $100, . | 225 | |
| | | 1,225 |
| *Market Street Church, in New-York.* | | |
| Henry Rutgers, . . . . . | | 1,000 |
| Dutch Church at Greenwich, . . . . | | 250 |
| | | 26,675 |

A number of the Congregations lying south of the Highlands have not been visited, and which the Committee hope and believe will, when called on, in most cases, follow the example of their sister Churches. From the result it appears that a sufficient sum has been subscribed, by the friends of the Reformed Dutch Church, to endow a professorate in the southern section of our Church, leaving the northern section untouched, who have the ability to raise a sufficient sum for the endowment of a third professorate, and thus place the school of the prophets upon the footing originally intended.

ABRAHAM VAN NEST,
J. R. HARDENBERGH, } *Committee.*
ISAAC HEYER,

The following Digest of their proceedings, was received from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

In obedience to the direction of the General Synod, which requires annually from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, as their "Committee of Missions," a condensed and brief report of their proceedings, the managers respectfully submit the following digest of their transactions.

Immediately after the formation of the Society, in January, 1822, two Missionaries were appointed to labour in the city of New-York, viz: the Rev. Robert Maclean, now a member of the classis of New-York, and Mr. Seymour P. Vonck, a licentiate from the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick. The latter individual, in consequence of ill health, was prevented from attending to his appointment, much to the regret of the Board. Mr. Maclean has been employed at the corner of Howard and Elm streets, and his labours have been accompanied with an encouraging degree of success. As the place of meeting, however, was by no means calculated to attract a congregation, and as no other could be obtained in its vicinity, measures were taken to erect a church at the corner of Broome and Green streets, and subscriptions for this purpose to the amount of about $7,000 have been obtained. The foundation is already laid, and the building will be completed in December next. The corner stone of another Reformed Dutch Church has been laid at some distance above this station, at the corner of Green and Houston streets.

The Rev. Stephen Ostrander was employed for six months as a Missionary at Hoboken, Harsimus, and Paulus Hook. His labours were attended with several disadvantageous circumstances, but it is believed that they have not been altogether in vain.

Mr. Herman B. Stryker, a licentiate from the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick, was appointed in August last to visit Athol, Caldwell, Johnsburgh, and Warrensburgh, in Warren County, New-York. The report of his Mission is interesting, and his success seems to have been flattering. The Board have engaged to send another Missionary to that quarter, so soon as a suitable person can be obtained.

Mr. John C. Vanderveer, another licentiate from our Theological School, was employed last fall in visiting several churches within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery. His report respecting the congregations that he visited, presents strong claims on the sympathy and exertions of the Board in behalf of that section of our church. During the four months in which Mr. Vanderveer was engaged, he travelled upwards of eleven hundred miles, delivered on an average two sermons per week, visited at least two families daily, and was always received in a peculiarly hospitable and friendly manner. His preaching was frequently attended with much solemnity.

From Mr. S. Goetchius, who was employed by the former committee of Missions, and whose appointment is mentioned in their last report to Synod, the Board of Managers have received no communication.

The Rev. Mr. Van Hook has been employed for several months by the Managers. His labours have been chiefly directed to the

congregations of Fort Miller and Argyle, where he is now settled as their Pastor, and is apparently doing much good. The Board have agreed to give these congregations $100 for one year, in order to establish the gospel more permanently among them.

They have also agreed to allow the Church at Courtland town under the pastoral care of the Rev. Abraham Hoffman, $75 for one year, it being in circumstances of peculiar embarrassment, and they have moreover, promised to send a Missionary to the Church at Hyde Park, which at present, can furnish only $300 per annum, for the support of the Gospel.

The Rev. Mr. Switz was employed during the last fall at Tyashoke, (Rensselaer County) and his Missionary labours appear to have been faithful and successful. Mr. Switz has since received a call for settlement among them as their Pastor, which he has accepted.

Mr. Samuel Van Vechten, a licentiate from our Theological School, was employed with much acceptance at Princeton and Gilderland, during the last summer. After fulfilling his mission, he states in a communication to the Managers in October, that these two congregations had promised to pay together $150 into the Treasury of the Board, and that they would take no measures to procure another Missionary, until they heard from the Board. But it seems that very shortly after, a candidate of the Presbyterian Church was introduced among them for six months. In relation to such interference with our vacant churches, the Board adopted the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That in the report of this Board to be made to the next General Synod, they be requested to enact a resolution calculated to prevent the supply of vacant congregations who need Missionary aid, from any other source than through this Missionary Board."

The Church at Oakhill, (Greene County,) was lately represented to the Board as requiring Missionary aid, and the Rev. Peter Van Zandt, a member of the Classis of Albany, has recently been sent for six months to that station.

A communication has been received from the Salts of St. Mary's, (Michigan Territory) requesting a Missionary. The Managers have resolved to send one, whenever a suitable candidate is presented.

During the past year, some Auxiliaries have been formed to the Society, although by no means so many or so efficient as the Managers could desire. Agents have been appointed to visit the different Churches for the purpose of organizing Auxiliaries, and making collections for the Board.

The Managers have received all the books and papers belonging to the former Committee of Missions, and have assumed all their pecuniary responsibilities.

The Board would remind the Synod, that under existing arrangements, no collection is specifically directed to be made in the Churches for Missionary purposes, and as they have received little or no money from this source during the past year, would respectfully suggest the great importance of urging on the congregations a collection once a year, on some particular day, in behalf of this institution. Previous to June last, there was generally received for Missionary purposes from the Churches, from $300 to $400 per annum. During the past year, there has been received only about $40—a sum that will maintain only one Missionary in the field for only one month: so that had it not been for the funds collected by the Missionary Society in the city of New-York, previously to their having been made "the Committee of Missions" of the Synod, nothing had been done during the year for Missions among our destitute congregations.

The Board have appointed the Rev. Mr. Knox, and Mr. Abraham Van Nest, as their agents to appear and act before the Synod to make any explanations that may be desired, and to prosecute such measures as may advance the interests of the Missionary Society of the Church.

In conclusion, the Managers would refer the Synod to a more detailed account of their transactions during the past year, contained in the Annual Report lately presented to the Society, which report our Agents are instructed to submit to the General Synod for their more minute examination.

By order of the Board of Managers,

PASCHAL N. STRONG, Corresponding Secretary.

*New-York, June* 3, 1823.

The Board of Superintendents brought in the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Board of Superintendents in conformity to the regulation of General Synod, beg leave to lay before them, their annual statement of the condition of the Seminary, and of their own proceedings during the past year.

At their meeting in October last, the Board of Superintendents admitted Richard D. Van Kleek, George M. Fisher, John G. Tarbell, and Jacob T. B. Beekman, as students in the Theological Seminary, upon presenting proper testimonials of their literary acquirements, and Church Membership.

The number of students during the present year, has amounted to twenty-one—Of this number, John K. Garretson, died in November, 1822. The following are the names of the students, arranged according to their respective classes :

*First Class.*—Robert Blair, William Center, and Ferdinand Van Derveer.

*Second Class.*—Gustavus Abeel, William Crookshank, James B. Hardenbergh, Benjamin Van Keuren, Asa Bennet, Abraham Messelaer, Jonathan F. Morris, Stephen H. Meeker, David Van Olinden, Jacob C. Sears, Elbert Slingerland, Jefferson Wynkoop, and John A. Yates.

*Third Class.*—Jacob T. Beekman, George M. Fisher, Richard D. Van Kleek, and John G. Tarbell.

The Board attended to the examination of the students of the several classes, on Didactic and Polemic Theology, Jewish Antiquities, Analysis of Sacred Scripture, including the history of the Old Testament Church, Chronology, Sacred Geography, Canon of Scripture, Church History, and the Hebrew and Greek languages.

The students evinced a satisfactory acquaintance with the several branches in which they were examined ; and the Board feel gratified in being enabled to state to the General Synod, upon the representation of the Professors, that the institution has suffered no interruption, and is in a prosperous state—that the conduct of the students, has, without any exception, been correct and exemplary ; and that they have attended to their studies with diligence and good success.

Ferdinand Van Der Veer, and William Center, having finished their course of study, and having been examined on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, experimental religion, and their views in entering the ministry, were recommended for professoral certificates, preparatory to licensure.

Inasmuch as Robert Blair has completed the regular period of study in the seminary, and sustains a good report from the Professors, but has been prevented from submitting to an examination before this Board at this session, on account of sickness : it is recommended to the General Synod to authorise the Professors to give him a Professoral certificate, without an examination before this Board.

The sum of $110 was appropriated to the assistance of one indigent student, and $120 to another.

The Board, with the utmost respect and earnestness, would suggest to the General Synod, the propriety of adopting immediate and efficient measures not only to secure, if possible, the sums of money already subscribed for the support of the Professorate, concerning

which there is some contingency expressed in the last acts of the Synod; but also to draw forth the gifts of the liberal and benevolent, in the northern portions of the church; that embarrassments, similar to those which now exist, may never again recur, and that it may soon cease to be necessary to call on the members of the church for annual contributions to support the seminary.

It is true, that in some respects, the prospects of the seminary, through the influence of circumstances with which the Synod are but too well acquainted, are at present dark—but to HIM upon whose arm the interests of that branch of the Protestant Church to which we pertain, have so long reposed, and by whom it has been supported, under the pressure of great evils, and delivered from appalling dangers, we look up; and together with all who love our Zion, we present to Him, our supplications that he would conduct and preserve us safely, through the critical emergencies to which we are brought.

The Board feel it to be their duty to express their confidence in this institution. It has already proved of essential service to the church, and we regard it as one of the bulwarks of our faith. We commend it to the confidence of the churches. We know that the pure doctrines of the Gospel, are clearly and faithfully taught. We would hold it up to the view of the churches as an object eminently deserving to be loved and cherished, by all who feel an interest in the preservation and extension of true religion. We pray them to be encouraged. They have sown precious seed. They have gone forth "weeping"—but "they shall doubtless come again, with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them."—And then, shall "he that soweth and he that reapeth rejoice together, for they shall gather fruit unto life eternal."

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *President.*
JOHN DE WITT, *Clerk.*

A true Copy.

WM. M' MURRAY, *Stated Clerk.*

*New-York, June* 2, 1823.

The following Communications, from the Rev. Prof. Ludlow, were presented to Synod, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. David Parker, Benjamin C. Taylor, and J. V. C. Romeyn, and the Elders, Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh, and J. I. Hardenbergh,

Philip Milledoler, D. D. President of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in North America.—

Reverend Brother,

The General Synod in their proceedings at their extra Session, held in Albany in February last, certified to me by their Clerk, having declined the acceptance of my resignation of the Professorship of Biblical Literature, and Ecclesiastical History ; and having declared that the reasons for my resignation are removed, and moreover, having furnished me with an unequivocal expression of their opinion, that it is my " duty to continue in" my " present situation," ——I have, therefore, with a sacred regard to duty, in view of the constitutional interference of the highest judicatory of the Church, and the deference due to their judgment, determined to withdraw the resignation of said Professorship, and remain in the Theological College.—With sentiments of high respect, and esteem, I am, dear brother, your fellow-labourer in the Gospel,

JOHN LUDLOW.

*New-Brunswick, March* 14, 1823.

Philip Milledoler, D. D. President of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America.

Reverend Brother,

In my last communication I made known to you my determination to withdraw the resignation of my Professorship, and remain in the Theological College.—

This determination was made, in consequence, as I conceived, of the authoritative interference of the General Synod, under the decided conviction that, in their resolutions of February last, they assumed to themselves the whole responsibility of preventing the consummation of the engagement entered into between the Church of Albany and myself.

A different construction having been given to those resolutions, especially by the Consistory of the Church of Albany, I do therefore unite with them in referring the same to the General Synod ; respectfully requesting, on my part, that the General Synod to be convened in Albany, in the month of June, would review the said resolutions, and furnish an *unequivocal* expression of their opinion whether those resolutions are designed to be authoritative, and intended to exonerate me from the responsibility of defeating my engagement with the Consistory of the Church of Albany, and to place the same upon the General Synod.

This communication you will please to lay before the General Synod, and accept, dear Sir, the renewed assurance of my high regard.

JOHN LUDLOW.

*New-Brunswick, May* 26, 1823.

The following statement was also received and referred to the same Committee to whom was referred the letters of professor Ludlow:—

A concise Statement of the case between the Rev. John Ludlow, and the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the city of Albany, for the information of the General Synod.

In July, 1822, the Consistory presented to Mr. Ludlow a formal Resolution, offering him a call to become the Pastor of their Church and Congregation, upon the terms therein expressed, and assuring him that a regular call should be made out and delivered without delay, after he should signify his willingness to accept it.

In August following Mr. Ludlow informed the Consistory that he would and did accept their offered call; but that it was incumbent upon him to give six months notice to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School, of the resignation of his professorship in that institution, before he could enter upon his pastoral duties. The call was thereupon made out, approved, presented, and accepted in due form.

About the 27th of August last Mr. Ludlow gave notice of his said resignation to the Board of Superintendents, which was followed by a circular from the Consistory, addressed to each of the members of that Board soliciting their favourable aid, as far as they had the power, to accelerate Mr. Ludlow's release from the School.

To one of those circulars an answer was received, from the President, or presiding officer of the Board, expressing his regret for the loss which the School would sustain by Mr. Ludlow's leaving it; but, in friendly terms, signifying his acquiesence in what had taken place; and declaring "that, as the matter appeared thus far settled, he knew of no reason why he should not facilitate the views of the Consistory on the subject."

On the 12th February last Mr. Ludlow informed the Consistory, by letter, of his intention to be at Albany on the 6th or 7th of March, and of his wish to be installed in his pastoral office on the first Sabbath thereafter. This letter was laid before the Classis of Albany, at their stated meeting in February, who in consequence thereof appointed the 17th of March for Mr. Ludlow's installation, of which public notice was given three successive Sabbaths from the pulpit. In the in-

terim a special meeting of the General Synod was called, to be held in the city of Albany on the 21st of February, upon the written request of six Ministers, in consequence of Mr. Ludlow's notice of resignation given to the Board of Superintendents, but none of the members of that Board had signed the request; although they only had official information of the notice of resignation, and therefore were the proper persons, in the opinion of the Consistory, to request the call of Synod in that instance. During all this time no intimation was given to the Consistory, from any quarter, that any constitutional obstacle could be interposed to prevent the consummation of the engagement between Mr. Ludlow and them, at the appointed time.

The Synod met on the day fixed for that purpose; and, by a majority, passed certain Resolutions, with recitals, asserting substantially the control of Synod over the resignation of Mr. Ludlow, and advising him to remain at the School; but declaring that, in case he should, notwithstanding, deem it his duty to fulfil his engagement to the Consistory, Synod accepted his resignation on his giving notice to the President of his determination. On the 20th of March Mr. Ludlow informed the Consistory, by a letter then received, but dated 13th of March, that he must "abide by the authoritative decision of Synod," contained in the aforesaid resolutions, to remain in the School.

The effect of this unexpected information, upon the Consistory and their Congregation, it cannot be necessary to set forth in detail. Suffice it to say, that the disappointment which it announced to their united, long cherished, and high raised hopes, and ardent wishes, produced, as was to be expected, strong mingled and conflicting emotions of keen regret, and deeply wounded sensibility. In a personal interview with Mr. Ludlow since, he explained to the Consistory, that, according to his understanding of the Synodical Resolutions, they were designed to be imperative upon him, and virtually to interdict the fulfilment of his accepted call. This appears to the Consistory to be an erroneous interpretation of the import as well as of the design of the Resolutions of Synod: and they, therefore, presume that Mr. Ludlow's above-mentioned determination, in consequence of those Resolutions, was founded upon a mistaken impression that Synod exonerated him from, and assumed upon themselves, the responsibility of defeating the fulfilment of his engagement to the Consistory.

Thus circumstanced, the Consistory trust that the next General Synod will consider it right, carefully to revise the whole case, and

in view of the important interests which it involves, to place Mr. Ludlow in a condition to follow the dictates of his own sense of duty, in deciding upon the solemn, deliberate, and voluntary obligations subsisting between him and the Consistory.

At a Meeting of the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the city of Albany, in the Consistory Room, 18th April, 1823.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the foregoing statement, together with a copy of this Resolution, signed by the President and Clerk of this Consistory, be transmitted to the Rev. John Ludlow.

(A true Copy.) GERRIT GATES, *Clerk.*

A communication from the General Association of Massachusetts, was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The communication is as follows :—

At a meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, June 25, 1822.

The Committee on the subject of correspondence with the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, reported a recommendation, that a Committee of three be appointed by this Association to meet a similar Committee, on the part of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, if they think proper to appoint such Committee ; and that the Committee on the part of this General Association have power to agree upon a plan of correspondence, which plan, it shall be their duty, when formed, to report to the General Association, for their adoption or rejection.

This report was accepted, and the Rev. A. Hyde, D. D., J. Lyman, D. D., and H. Humphrey, were appointed the Committee recommended in the Report.

Extracted from the Minutes by

ENOCH HALE,
*Secretary.*

*Westhampton, Dec.* 19, 1822.

A narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the General Assembly was laid upon the table of Synod by Dr. Neill, and referred to the Committee on the state of religion.

The Corresponding Secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society, laid upon the table of Synod one hundred copies of the Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of that Society, for distribution among the Members of Synod.

An application was made to Synod on behalf of John A. Yates, who has spent two years at the Theological School, for a dispensation from further attending the school, on account of an engagement in Union College, which application was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Board of Corporation.*

The following Report was received from the Board of Corporation, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

The Board of Corporation respectfully submit the following Report of their proceedings during the past year :—

Since their re-appointment in June last, they have been regularly convened, and have transacted whatever business has come before them with their usual unanimity.

The Board have not, during the year, attempted to effect any further settlement with the Trustees of Queens' College, in relation to the claim which they assert, to the exclusive control and direction of the professoral fund. They have, however, appointed Messrs. Abraham Van Nest and Cornelius Heyer, appraisers on the part of the Synod, to determine the value of the College lots, agreeably to the Resolutions of the last Synod, as recorded, p. 60, on their minutes, and have also appointed Isaac L. Kip and John Nitchie, Esqs. to ascertain the legal title to said property.

The Board of Corporation have received, very recently, a copy of a Resolution of the Board of Trustees, passed 28th May, 1823, which is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That this Board will convey to the Board of Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the College edifice, and lot thereto belonging, upon condition that they pay to the Bank of New-Brunswick the debt due to said bank from this Board, and also cancel the debt due from the Literary to the Professoral Fund."

In relation to this Resolution of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Corporation would refer the Synod to a report of the Committee of the Synod recorded on their minutes of June last, p. 59, 60. The Board would moreover state, that they are unanimously of opinion that the reasons therein contained, together with other considerations that might be adduced, are conclusive to show that the General Synod ought not to accede to this proposition of the Board of Trustees. In their proposition, it is not stated what sum the Synod would be expected to pay to the Bank of New-Brunswick; and in the present state of the finances of the Synod, their Treasurer being in advance about $1,300, the Board of Corporation are entirely without the means to provide for the payment of *any* sum. Your Board are advised that a corporation in the state of New-York cannot hold real estate in the state of New-Jersey; and, even were this difficulty obviated, the possession of the building, so long as it was held by the Synod, would occasion a continual expense. If it were to be completed, that expense would be very heavy; and, if not kept in repair, it would become seriously injured from the weather; and, if it is to be, at any time disposed of, certainly the Board of Trustees may as well be expected to have the trouble and risk of disposing of it, as the Synod, or their Board of Corporation.

Should the Synod not accede to the proposition of the Board of Trustees, the Corporation would respectfully suggest the propriety of carrying into effect the Resolutions marked 1, 2, 3, on their minutes of June last, p. 60.

From the accompanying Report of the Treasurer, it appears that the following Churches have attended to the Twenty-five Cent Contribution, viz.—Churches of New-York; Garden-street, Market-street, North-West, Haerlem, Fordham, Jamaica, Newtown, Flatbush, New-Utrecht, Bergen, Warwick, Six-Mile Run, New-Brunswick, Lebanon, Rockaway, Belleville, Pompton, Wyckoff, Preakness, Waterloo,

Boght, Schodack, Kenderhook, and very possibly some other Churches may have forwarded money from this source without specifying it. The whole amount received is $778.03 ; being an excess of $365.20 above the receipts of the last year from the same source, when all the other collections were attended to.

The First Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, the Church of the English Neighbourhood, and the Church of Brooklyn, which have not made the Twenty-five Cent Collection, have attended to all the other collections formerly enjoined by the Synod.

*The following is the Treasurer's Account of the Receipts and Expenditures from June 1st, 1822, to June 2d, 1823.*

| 1822. | | RECEIPTS. | | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 5 | By Cash from Cent Society at Six-Mile Run for Theological College, | | 5 | 38 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Bedminster, for Permanent Fund, | | 10 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Cent Society at Lebanon, for Theological College | | 9 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Pompton, for Permanent Fund, | | 4 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at English Neighbourhood for Theological College, | $4 42 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Missionary Fund, | 4 94 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Permanent Fund, | 3 90 | | |
| | | | | 13 | 26 |
| | 7 | ,, ,, from Church at Kinderhook for Permanent Fund, | | 22 | 14 |
| | 8 | ,, ,, from Church in Garden-street for Permanent Fund, | | 16 | 81 |
| | 11 | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | | 3 | |
| | 22 | ,, ,, from Churches at Shawangunk and New Prospect, for Theological College, | | 5 | |
| | 27 | ,, ,, from Church at New-Brunswick, for Permanent Fund, | | 16 | 73 |
| | 28 | ,, ,, from Female Cent Society at Brooklyn, for Theological College, | | 49 | 23 |
| July | 15 | ,, ,, from Church at Rockaway, New-Jersey, for Permanent Fund, | | 4 | |
| Aug. | 8 | ,, ,, for one quarter's interest on $3850 State stock, | $57 75 | | |
| | | ,, ,, for do. on $3500 United Sates stock, | 52 50 | | |
| | | | | 110 | 25 |
| | 19 | ,, ,, from Church at Flatbush, for Permanent Fund, | $10 00 | | |
| | | Deduct a counterfeit bill, | 3 00 | | |
| | | | | 7 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Flatlands, for Permanent Fund, | | 2 | 6 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Gravesend, for do. | | 1 | 62 |
| Oct. | 24 | ,, ,, from Church at Jerusalem, for Missionary Fund, | | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Helderbergh, for Missionary Fund, | | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Rev. John De Witt, from Classis of Albany for Minutes | $10 00 | | |
| | | ,, ,, do for Minutes sold by him, | 11 62 | | |
| | | | 21 62 | | |
| | | Deduct paid by him to Webster & Co. for printing Pastoral Letter in 1817, | 18 00 | | |
| | | | | 3 | 62 |
| Nov. | 18 | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, for Theological College, | | 18 | 71 |
| | 20 | ,, ,, from Second Church at Albany, for do. | | 24 | |
| | 21 | ,, ,, from Church at Schenectady, for do. | | 11 | 50 |
| | 22 | ,, ,, from Church at Rariton, for Permanent Fund, | | 18 | 20 |
| Dec. | 17 | ,, ,, from Rev. John I. Christie, for Theological College, | | 4 | |
| | 18 | ,, ,, from Church at New Paltz, for do. | | 5 | 56 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Hurley, for do. | | 4 | 82 |
| | 19 | ,, ,, from Church in Garden-street, do. | | 42 | 21 |
| | 20 | ,, ,, from Church at Clarkstown, do. | | 3 | 10 |
| 1823. Jan. | 10 | ,, ,, from Church at Schenectady, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | | 15 | |
| | 16 | ,, ,, from Church at Fordham, Twenty five Cent Donations, | | 7 | 75 |
| | | ,, ,, from Churches at Rochester and Warwarsing, for Theological College, | | 5 | |
| | 28 | ,, ,, from Collegiate Churches, New-York, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | | 212 | 20 |
| | | ,, ,, from Female Cent Society of the Collegiate Churches, for Permanent Fund, | | 148 | 25 |
| | 30 | ,, ,, for two quarters interest, on $3500 United States Stock, | | 105 | |
| | | ,, ,, do $3850 State of New-York, do. | | 115 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, for one year's interest on I. Heyer's subscription to Permanent Fund, | | 35 | |
| Feb. | 1 | ,, ,, from Church at Bergen, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | | 16 | 18 |
| | | | | 1085 | 13 |

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| 1823. | | By amount brought forward, . . . . . | 1085 | 13 |
| Feb. | 4 | By Cash from Church at Tappan, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | 4 | 84 |
| | 6 | ,, ,, from Church in Market-street, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . | 92 | 77 |
| | 10 | ,, ,, from Church at Warwick, for Theological College, . . | 5 | |
| | 15 | ,, ,, from Church at Six-Mile Run, for do. . . . | 16 | 64 |
| | 17 | ,, ,, from North-West Church, New-York, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . . . . . | 24 | |
| | 18 | ,, ,, from Church at Jamaica, do. . . . . | 20 | 60 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Newtown, do. . . . . | 14 | 8 |
| | 26 | ,, ,, from Church at the Boght, for Theological College, . . | 7 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Theological School Society at the Boght, . . . | 16 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church in Garden-street, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . | 95 | |
| March | 1 | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, January Collection for Missionary and Contingent Funds, . . . . . | 14 | 63 |
| | | ,, ,, from Praying Society at Bushwick, Long Island, for Permanent Fund, . . . . . | 3 | 75 |
| | 5 | ,, ,, from Church at New-Brunswick, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | 56 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, from Cent Society at New-Brunswick, for Theological College, . . . . . | 10 | 50 |
| | 7 | ,, ,, from Church at Waterloo, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . | 9 | |
| | 11 | ,, ,, from Church at Flatbush, do. . . | 22 | |
| | 21 | ,, ,, from Church at Schodack, do. . . | 20 | |
| | 25 | ,, ,, from I. L. Kip, Esq. received from Mess. Hossfords, Albany, for printing 4000 copies of Psalm Book, for Indigent Students, | 240 | |
| | 28 | ,, ,, from Church at Pompton, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Wyckoff, do. . . | 2 | 25 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Preakness, do. . . | 3 | 50 |
| | 29 | ,, ,, from Church in Garden-street, fourth annual gift to Permanent Fund . . . . . | 200 | |
| April | 10 | ,, ,, from Church at Clarkstown, for Missionary and Contingent Funds . . . . . | 5 | 2 |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Theological College, . | 3 | 28 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Belleville, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . | 8 | 50 |
| | 19 | ,, ,, from Church at Claverack, for Theological College, . . | 10 | |
| May | 6 | ,, ,, from Female Cent Society at Bergen, for Theological College, | 25 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Clarkstown, for Permanent Fund, . . | 1 | 81 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, for Theological College, . . | 4 | 98 |
| | | ,, ,, from Classis at New-Brunswick, by Rev. John L. Zabriskie, for Minutes of Synod, for Contingent Fund, . . . | 13 | 20 |
| | | ,, ,, from Rev. David Devoe, collected by him at Oppenheim and Manheim, for Theological College, . . . . . | 7 | |
| | 7 | ,, ,, from Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes of Synod, by Rev. B. Hoff, for Contingent Fund, . . . . . | 4 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Paramus, for Theological College, . . | 10 | 12 |
| | | ,, ,, from Churches at Totowa and Paterson, for do. . . . | 16 | 48 |
| | | ,, ,, from Rev. W. Eltinge, twelve months dividend on his donation of Bergen Turnpike stock, . . . . . | 10 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Coxsackie, for Theological College, . . | 36 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, from Male Cent Society of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia, for Theological College, by Dr. Brodhead, . | 50 | 79 |
| | | ,, ,, from same Church, by the same, for Theological College, . . . . . $12 00 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. do. for Permanent Fund, 7 00 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. do. for Missionary Fund, 13 27 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. do. for Contingent Fund, 3 00 | | |
| | | | 35 | 27 |
| | 9 | ,, ,, from Churches at Lebanon and Rockaway, New-Jersey, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . . . . . | 25 | |
| | 16 | ,, ,, from Second Church, Albany, by C. Miller, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, . . . . . | 20 | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. by do. for Permanent Fund, . | 21 | 62 |
| | | | 2270 | 76 |

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| 1823. May | 16 | By amount brought forward, | | | 2270 | 76 |
| | | By Cash from Margaret Jones, Treasurer of the Female Cent Society of Second Church Albany, for Theological College, . . | | | 66 | |
| | 17 | ,, ,, from Church at Shawangunk, for Theological College, | $2 | 50 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Contingent Fund, | 2 | 50 | | |
| | | | | | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at New Prospect, for Theological College, | $1 | 50 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Contingent Fund, | 1 | 50 | | |
| | | | | | 3 | |
| | 20 | ,, ,, from Church at Schenectady, for Theological College, . | | | 10 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at New Utrecht, Twenty-five Cent Donation, . | | | 37 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, from Classis of Long Island, for Minutes of Synod, by Rev. Mr. Beattie, . . . . . | | | 5 | 75 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, for Permanent Fund, . . . | | | 15 | 22 |
| | 23 | ,, ,, from Classis of New-York, for Minutes of Synod, . . | | | 25 | |
| | 24 | ,, ,, from Church at Kinderhook, for Twenty-five Cent Donations, | | | 63 | 75 |
| | 27 | ,, ,, from Church at New Hackinsack, for Theological College, . | | | 17 | 28 |
| | | ,, ,, from Collegiate Churches, New-York, their fifth and last annual subscription, for Permanant Fund, . . . . . | | | 350 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Harlem, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . | | | 6 | 75 |
| | 28 | ,, ,, from Church at Montgomery, do. . . | | | 36 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Washington and Gibbonsville, for Theological College, . . . . . | | | 5 | |
| | 30 | ,, ,, for interest, one quarter, on $3500 United States stock, . | | | 52 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, for one quarter on $3850 State stock, . . . . . | | | 57 | 75 |
| | | ,, ,, for one year on $700 City stock, . . . . . | | | 42 | |
| | 31 | ,, ,, for twelve month's interest on loan of $2546.98, at 6 per cent. | | | 152 | 81 |
| | | ,, ,, for amount loaned 1st April last, for sixty days, . . | | | 450 | |
| | | ,, ,, for sixty days interest on do. . . . . | | | 4 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Berne, for Theological College, . | $2 | 19 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | 3 | 28 | | |
| | | ,, ,, from do. for Permanent Fund, . . . | 1 | 75 | | |
| | | | | | 7 | 22 |

| | | PAYMENTS. | | | Dlls. | C |
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| 1822. June | 4 | To balance of last year's account due the Treasurer, . | | | 110 | 44 |
| | 8 | ,, Cash paid Professor Livingston, balance due him 1st inst. . . . . | | | 57 | 50 |
| | 21 | ,, ,, paid Peter Amerman, for attendance on Synod, . | | | 10 | 6 |
| Nov. | 9 | ,, ,, paid Professor Ludlow his draft for 6 months salary, . . . . . | $775 | 00 | | |
| | | ,, ,, paid do. for interest charged by him, | 9 | 49 | | |
| | | | | | 784 | 49 |
| | 20 | ,, ,, paid Professer Livingston one quarter's salary, due 1st September, . . . . . | | | 437 | 50 |
| Dec. | 3 | ,, ,, paid Professor Ludlow, due 1st inst. . . . | | | 387 | 50 |
| | 24 | ,, ,, paid Professor Livingston due 1st inst, . . . | | | 437 | 50 |
| 1823. Jan. | 29 | ,, ,, paid an order of Board of Superintendents, dated 28th May last, . . . . . | | | 400 | |
| March | 1 | ,, ,, paid George Forman for printing Minutes of June last, . . . . . | | | 101 | 67 |
| | | ,, ,, paid Robert Henry for attending Synod in February, . . . . . | | | 3 | |
| | 5 | ,, ,, paid Professor Ludlow's draft for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst. . . . . | | | 387 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, paid Professor Livingston's draft for do. . . | | | 437 | 50 |
| April | 1 | ,, ,, loaned for 60 days, . . . . . | | | 450 | |
| May | 31 | ,, ,, paid the Treasurer of the Reformed Dutch Church Missionary Society, . . . . . | | | 54 | 64 |
| | | ,, ,, loaned for six months, . . . . . | | | 854 | 11 |
| | | | | | 4913 | 41 |

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| 3683 | 79 |

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| | | Amounts brought forward, | | | | | | 4913 | 41 | 3683 | 79 |
| 1823. | | *Account of Interest, Dr.* | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 31 | On $178 00 | from 6 June last, | 12 months, | | | $10 68 | | | | |
| | | ,, 962 49 | ,, 9 Nov. | 6 ,, | 23 days, | | 32 55 | | | | |
| | | ,, 437 50 | ,, 20 ,, | 6 ,, | 11 ,, | | 13 92 | | | | |
| | | ,, 387 50 | ,, 3 Dec. | 5 ,, | 28 ,, | | 11 44 | | | | |
| | | ,, 437 50 | ,, 24 ,, | 5 ,, | 7 ,, | | 11 43 | | | | |
| | | ,, 400 00 | ,, 29 Jan. | 4 ,, | 2 ,, | | 8 13 | | | | |
| | | ,, 101 67 | ,, 1 March, | 3 ,, | 0 ,, | | 1 53 | | | | |
| | | ,, 387 50 | ,, 5 ,, | 0 ,, | 87 ,, | | 5 60 | | | | |
| | | ,, 437 50 | ,, 5 ,, | 0 ,, | 87 ,, | | 6 34 | | | | |
| | | ,, 450 00 | ,, 1 April, | 0 ,, | 60 ,, | | 4 50 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | $106 12 | | | | |
| | | Deduct interest on moneys from the time received to 1st June, 1823, | | | | | 45 96 | | | | |
| | | Interest due Treasurer, | | | | | | 60 | 26 | | |
| | | Balance due Treasurer, | | | | | | | | 1289 | 88 |
| | | | | | | | | 4973 | 67 | 4973 | 67 |

ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, 2d June*, 1823.

It will be perceived from this report, that in consequence of the deficiency of funds in the Treasury, to meet the necessary expenditures of the Synod, the corporation, in order to preserve the credit of the Church, were compelled to borrow money on interest, which interest in the above account, amounting to $60 26, is allowed to the Treasurer, and he is now in advance, the sum of $1289 88.

The Board of Corporation respectfully recommend to the General Synod, to re-enact the resolutions passed in June, 1820, for the purpose of raising funds.

The following is the Annual Digest prepared by the Board, in obedience to the order of the Synod, viz :

### I. AS TO THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

From the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Queen's College, it appears, that " of the interest received on this fund, there is now in the hands of the Treasurer, $320 2 : that the interest due on Bonds belonging to this fund amounts to $182 67 : and that of the interest due, and which would fall due on the first day of June, 1823, as contained in the Treasurer's report of 1822, there has been merged in the transfer of real estate, to the Trustees in fee simple, the sum of

$1867 00: and that the present annual disbursement from this fund is $990, exclusive of contingent expenses."

We respectfully remind Synod of the propriety of their recommending some persons to receive aid from this fund.

### II. AS TO THE PROFESSORAL FUND.

According to the report of the Treasurer of Queen's College, there has been paid since the first day of June, 1822, to Professor Livingston, from the proceeds of this fund, $600. There is now due for interest on this fund, $410 25, and a balance is in the Treasurer's hands of $16 44.

### III. LEGACY OF THE LATE MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The Board have rcceived no information relative to this legacy for the last three years.

### IV. INDIGENT STUDENTS.

It was stated in the last Digest that a draft of $400 from the Board of Superintendents would be paid whenever the funds would admit. The draft has since been paid. Another draft of $230 has been issued, but has not yet been presented to the Treasurer.

### V. PERMANENT FUND.

The amount of this fund is,

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| In stock of the State of New-York, at 6 per cent. . . . . | $3850 00 | |
| In stock of the United States, . . . . | 3500 00 | |
| " " Corporation of N. York, | 700 00 | |
| In individual obligations, . . . . . | 4401 09 | |
| Amounting to | ——— | $12,451 09 |
| And its annual product will be about . . . . . | | 750 00 |

### VI. COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

During the past year, there has been received from this source,

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| For the Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | $ 86 69 |
| " Permanent fund, . . . . . | 152 11 |
| On the 25 cent donation, . . . . . | 778 03 |
| Other collections for the Theological College, . . . . | 306 13 |

### VII. CENT SOCIETIES.

The receipts from these during the past year have been $380 20, of which $152 was for the permanent fund.

### VIII. SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE IN 1815.

In consequence of the effort that has been making during the past year to endow a Professorate, the calamity that occurred during the last season in New-York, and other circumstances, nothing has been done in relation to these subscriptions.

### IX. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

During the past year, there has been received for minutes the sum of $69 57.

### X. CONTINGENT FUND.

On this fund have been received $104 64, and paid $132 77, since the last digest.

### XI. DONATION OF THE REV. W. ELTINGE.

The dividend on this donation amounting to $10, for the last year, has been received.

### XII. DEBTS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

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| To the Rev. Mr. Ludlow, which will be in full, to the 1st of June, . . . . | $387 50 | |
| To the Permanent Fund, . . . . . | 1 75 | |
| To the Missionary Fund, as per last report, $410 28, and since, $1 64, . . . | 411 92 | |
| To draft for indigent students, . . . . | 230 00 | |
| To cash due the Treasurer, . . . . | 1289 88 | |
| | | $2,321 05 |

XIII. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, FROM JUNE 1, 1823, TO JUNE 1, 1824.

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| 1. Payment of debts, as mentioned above, | $2321 05 | |
| 2. Salary of Dr. Livingston, $1750—$162 50 paid in advance by Trustees of Queen's College, leaving . . | 1387 50 | |
| Salary of Professor Ludlow, . . . | 1550 00 | |
| 3. For Indigent Students, in addition to what may be paid by the Trustees of Queen's College, about . . . . . | 400 00 | |
| 4. For contingent expenses, about . . | 200 00 | |
| | | $6158 55 |

XIV. ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1, 1823, TO JUNE 1, 1824. TO MEET THE ABOVE EXPENSES, UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

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| 1. From the Professoral fund . . . . | $700 00 | |
| 2. On the permanent fund, . . . . | 750 00 | |
| 3. On Mr. Eltinge's donation, . . . | 10 00 | |
| 4. From Cent Societies not in aid of the Permanent fund, . . . . . | 250 00 | |
| 5. From Classes for printed minutes, . | 60 00 | |
| 6. From the 25 Cent Contributions, and other collections, . . . . . | 1150 00 | |
| | | $2920 00 |

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*
ISAAC L. KIP,
G. B. VROOM,
S. S. WOODHULL, } *Directors.*
ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, June* 3, 1823.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, Peter Labagh, and the Elder, Mr. Abraham Van Nest, be a Committee to report to this Synod a nomination of three times the number of persons who constitute the Board of Directors under the Charter.

This Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation; when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Messrs. Guisbert B. Vroom and Isaac L. Kip, and the Rev. Dr. S. S. Woodhull were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Heyer was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

The door-keeper's bill for attendance and stationary, amounting to $14, and the bill of the messenger who had served two different citations upon Dr. Fræligh, amounting to $7 50 were presented and ordered to be paid.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Correspondence.*

The Rev. John Winebrenner, from the German Reformed Synod, and the Rev. Dr. William Neill, and the Elder, Mr. Zechariah Lewis, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, being present, and having produced testimonials of their respective appointments, were invited to take their seats as Corresponding Members of this Synod.

The following report was received from the Rev. W. Eltinge, one of the delegates appointed by this Synod to attend the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

Your Corresponding delegate to the Reformed German Synod begs leave to report, that his Colleague, the Rev. W. M'Murray, was prevented from attendance by sickness in his family; and that the undersigned attended said Synod at Harrisburgh, furnished them with a copy of the Minutes of General Synod of 1822, was cordially received and treated with hospitality and respect by the German Brethren.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILHELMUS ELTINGE.

The following report was received from Dr. Milledoler, one of the delegates appointed by this Synod to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at its meeting in May last.

The undersigned, appointed by General Synod, in June last, to attend, as their Delegate, the next meeting thereafter, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in these United States, provided said Assembly should accede to the plan of correspondence between the two bodies, agreed to by said Synod, Reports:—

That the proposed plan was almost unanimously adopted by the Assembly on the 23d of May last, and that he received immediate notice thereof by mail. As, however, attendance on the Assembly, at that time, must have interfered with the supposed paramount duty of attending the regular meeting of your Board of Superintendents of the Theological School, and as the subscriber knew that his secundus, Dr. Brodhead, was absent on a journey, he did respectfully signify these facts to the Assembly, as reasons why no clerical repre-

sentative from this Body appeared on their Floor. The undersigned has been informed that the Elder, Frederick Erringer, took his seat in the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
P. MILLEDOLER.

*Albany, June* 5, 1823.

The Committee on Correspondence brought in their report as follows :—

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to Report,

That but two things claim your attention :—

The first is a communication from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, declaring their ratification of the Articles of Union between that body and General Synod ; and containing a respectful hope, that the additional article in these words "The Ministers of one of the corresponding churches shall not in any case intrude upon the office of the ministers of the other churches," may be reconsidered by General Synod and rescinded.

Upon this subject, your Committee would recommend the following resolution, *viz.*—

That it is inexpedient, at present, to rescind the aforesaid article.

The second communication is from the General Association of Massachusetts, giving the information that a Committee of three persons, viz. Rev. A. Hyde, D. D., J. Lyman, D. D., and H. Humphrey, have been appointed by that Association, to meet any Committee which may be appointed by this body, in order to agree upon a plan of Correspondence.

Upon this subject, your Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee of three, to meet the Committee of the General Association, for the purposes contemplated, and to report to the General Synod for their adoption or rejection.

All which is respectfully submitted,
P. I. VAN PELT, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the above report be adopted, excepting in so far as relates to a correspondence with the General Association of Massachusetts: the consideration of which subject was postponed until the next stated meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. John De Witt, and John Knox, be appointed as delegates from this Synod to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church, to be convened at Baltimore on the last Sabbath of September 1823, and that the Rev. Paul Wiedman, and Isaac N. Wyckoff, be their Secundi.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Jacob Brodhead, and the Elder, Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, be Delegates *Primarii*, and the Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, and the Elder, Mr. John Frelinghuysen, be Delegates *Secundi*, to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to be convened in Philadelphia, on the third Thursday of May next.

The following communication was received from the Elder, Mr. Z. Lewis, one of the corresponding members from the General Assembly, on the morning of the seventh day of the session, and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Parker and J. V. C. Romeyn, and the Elder, Mr. Abraham Van Nest.

*Albany, June* 10, 1823.

Respected and Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to address you in relation to an occurrence which took place yesterday in your Synod.

It is known to you, sir, that I was admitted to a seat on your floor, as one of the Delegates of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, under a plan of intercourse mutually adopted by the two bodies, and securing to me the unlimited right of taking a part in the deliberations of your reverend Synod.

It is also known to you that, until yesterday, I observed, on all questions, an entire and respectful silence ; that I then commenced, with your permission, a few remarks on a constitutional question involving in its principles the interests, not only of your Theological Seminary, but of ours, and of the Church of Christ ; and that I was arrested in my argument, and my right of speaking denied by a member, and with the apparent approbation, of your venerable body.

Under these circumstances, sir, I feel impelled, not by personal considerations, but by a sense of duty to that church which I have the honour to represent, and which I consider as treated with indignity through the person of its delegate, to request your Synod to express distinctly their view of the articles which form the basis of our correspondence.

With the prayer that grace, mercy, and peace, may be multiplied abundantly to yourself, to the Synod over which you preside, to its members, to the churches under its care, and to all who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

I am, dear sir,

With much personal esteem,

Yours,&c.

Z. LEWIS.

The Committee, to whom the above paper was referred, brought in their report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication from Mr. Zechariah Lewis, requesting the Synod's views of the articles which form the basis of the correspondence between the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, particularly in reference to the part which the corresponding Delegates may take in the discussions of both bodies, respectfully recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That this Synod consider the articles of correspondence adopted between the highest judicatories of the two churches as authorizing the Delegates from each of these judicatories mutually to deliberate on all questions that may come before them, in the same manner and to the same extent as their own members, subject to the rules of both houses ; and that the said Delegates are excluded only from the privilege of voting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID PARKER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod transmit to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, forty copies of the Minutes of Synod, for distribution among the Synods of said church.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Synodical Reports on the State of the Churches.*

The committee on the state of religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The committee on the state of religion report ;

That the sources of information on which their report must be predicated are so few and defective, as to preclude that particularity and extent of view, which might be desired.

From the data that are before them, your committee remark, that the vacancies in the church are very generally supplied in those congregations where there is ability to support the ministry. There remain a number of weak and dilapidated churches, which require missionary aid, and which, in all probability, without such aid, must either become entirely extinct, or pass under the protection, and be raised by the aid of other denominations.

This Missionary ground in the church, and such other Missionary fields as have been pointed out to the Committee of Missions, have been partly occupied by men commissioned and supported by the Reformed Dutch Missionary Society. Your committee rejoice with you, on the prospects which their efforts open and warrant them to entertain: but they regret, that the difficulty of procuring suitable Missionaries, has, in several instances, been such as to defeat their plans, and greatly to circumscribe their operations.

Your committee further report,—that although there are rumours of false doctrine, and the propagation of error in the church, yet the reports to which they have access, state—that the doctrines of our standards are advocated—the Heidelberg catechism regularly explained—Bible Classes in many congregations supported—prayer meetings generally held—children and youth catechised—family visitation performed in most of the congregations—discipline in some instances faithfully administered, and other means of instruction and improvement attended to throughout the churches.

From these means of knowledge and religious impression, though certainly not fully improved, much good has resulted. In the southern section of the church, though no new revival of religion has rejoiced the hearts of the Lord's people, yet the effects of the revival of the last year do still appear in the churches of Somerville, Bedminster, New-Brunswick, Hillsborough, and Rockaway, in the Classis of New-Brunswick—Readington and Harlingen, in the Classis of Philadelphia—and in all the other churches, there has been an uncommon degree of attention, and an unusual accession of members.

In the city of New-York, the labour of Missionaries has been considerably successful. The corner stones of two new churches have been laid, one of which is in considerable progress, and has a good prospect of assembling within its walls a respectable congregation.

In the Classis of Bergen and Paramus, while some discouraging things have occurred, yet the general aspect of the church is favourable, and in some churches uncommon solemnity prevails.

Within the bounds of the Synod of Albany, your committee have it not in their power to gratify the Synod by accounts of any signal triumphs of grace. And though they hope that the cause of religion is silently gaining ground, yet they know not of any special outpouring of the Divine Spirit.

In the Classis of Poughkeepsie, some churches lament the prevalence of infidelity and impiety—some deplore the lukewarmness of professors evidenced in the neglect of family prayer and personal religion—some speak of encouraging prospects—all rejoice in peace, but none exult amidst the copious effusions of the Spirit of Grace.

In the Classis of Ulster; in the Church of Catskill, there has been uncommon attention, and a spirit of extraordinary devotion, prayer, and exertion, among the Lord's people, but nothing that deserves the name of a revival, has yet ensued. In most of the other churches, peace has been enjoyed, exertions have been increased, and pleasing indications of spiritual prosperity, growth, and increase, have been witnessed.

In the Classis of Rensselaer, your committee rejoice that it is in their power to report, that considerable religious excitement has been witnessed in the church of Ghent, which has resulted in the ingathering of a goodly number of souls into the visible church. At Churchtown, also, there are strong indications of revival. In the churches of Kinderhook and Claverack, the consequences of the late revivals are still visible in uncommon solemnity, and increased attention to the means of grace. "In the congregations of Schodack, Hillsdale, Nassau, Greenbush, and Bloominggrove," says the report of Rensalaer, "there is a solemn and general attendance on the means of grace; and though there is no luxuriance of growth, yet there is actual life and increase."

In the Classis of Washington, the means of instruction are multiplied, and the prospects of Zion brightened; for which the Synod is bound to bless God, while they deplore the death of an esteemed and useful brother, the Rev. Ralph A. Westervelt.

In the Classis of Albany, the Church of Coxsackie, is uncommonly alive to the interests of religion, and great exertions are made for its progress. In the church of Bethlehem, the state of things has been unusually promising, and in all the other churches there is seen a steady march towards better days.

In the Classis of Montgomery, the church has been favoured with an increase of Ministers—its prospects are encouraging, and justify the hope, that this is a field whitening to the harvest.

On the whole, your committee think, there is reason to fear the Ministers and people of God, are not as instant in season and out of season, as duty requires. The Lord is faithful. He has promised to be with the church to the end of the world. He has challenged the unwearied exertion of his servants, in the words of the prophet; "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—And there can be no doubt, that if Ministers and Christians generally, duly felt their responsibility—duly appreciated the value of immortal souls, and laboured as in the view of eternal things, that God would arise in his grace and pow-

er, make our Jerusalem a praise, and bring unnumbered souls to Zion with songs, and the hope of everlasting joy in their hearts.

In this view your committee perceive cause for humiliation, and for prayer, to the God of all grace, that He would "revive his work in the midst of us, and in deserved wrath remember mercy."—But, while on the one hand, the committee contemplate this "deserved wrath," which might justly have resulted in the rejection of our church to be a reproach in the earth, and on the other, remarked how mercy has interposed, and not only saved us from merited punishment, but crowned us with unmerited prosperity, your committee find constraining reasons for the most cordial and affectionate thanksgivings to God, who hath "not dealt with us after our sin, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

In this place of their report, your committee would recommend to Synod, earnestly to conjure the Ministers of the church, besides the regular duties of the sanctuary, to give vigorous, and if possible unwearied attention to the catechetical instruction of children and youth —to family visitation—to Christian conference, and the formation of prayer meetings; as the means which, under the divine blessing, are most likely to revive religion, and to extend the dominion of the Redeemer.

Your committee further recommend to General Synod, the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the General Synod do enjoin on all the Classes, and on the Churches under their care, to prepare and send up their statistical reports *annually*.

Your committee have had the pleasure of reading the "Narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church," &c.—and while they congratulate that sister church on all that the Lord hath done for her; and condole with her in all the affliction which she deplores, they would join with her in "offering fervent and united thanks to the God of all grace, for his mercies to our country and Zion, and to pray that the Holy Spirit may be poured out on our church, and on all the churches in our land, and throughout the world—that religion may be every where revived —that the progress of error may be arrested—that every thing unfriendly to the reign of righteousness may be destroyed—that Christians of all denominations may be more and more united in affection and effort—that the Missionary cause and the cause of Bible Societies, may be extended, and made to triumph in every part of the world—that wars may cease to the ends of the earth, and that the glory of the latter day may be hastened."

As an expression of our own views of the necessity and propriety of the case, and as a token of respect to, and concurrence with, our brethren, in connection with the General Assembly, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, viz :

*Whereas*, It evidently appears that God our Heavenly Father, has been gracious and forbearing to our Church in the midst of merited rebuke, and has given us tokens of his continued favour to our Zion—whereas, it is also evident that certain divisions exist in the Church, and the interests of personal and vital godliness in many instances, are low—and whereas, our brethren of the Presbyterian Church have set apart the first Thursday of November next, as a day of public thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer, therefore—

*Resolved*, That the Synod do recommend and enjoin on all the Churches under their care, the observance of the same day, for the same purposes—that on that day all servile labour be omitted—and that the churches and congregations meet in their respective houses of worship, to thank God for his mercies to our land and church, and earnestly to implore him to heal every division—to shed abroad the spirit of concord—to enable Ministers and other Christians to be increasingly faithful in exhorting one another daily, and in reproving and persuading their unconverted fellow men—to second these efforts by the effectual co-operation of his Holy Spirit—to bless our Theological School, and other theological seminaries ; the Bible Society, Missionary Societies, and every other Institution designed for the glory of his name—and soon to usher in the glorious era, when "the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established on the top of the mountains, and be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it."

Herewith is transmitted to Synod, the statistical accounts of the Churches under your care.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. V. C. ROMEYN, Chairman.

# CLASSICAL REPORTS.

## *PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.*

### CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd. On confess. | Rec'd. On certif. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| New-York | Dr. G. A. Kuypers<br>Dr. P. Milledoler<br>John Knox<br>P. N. Strong | 400 | 2000 | 909 | 65 | 33 | 79 | 7 | 20 | 901 | 7 | 215 |
| Garden-street | J. M. Mathews | 200 | 1000 | 211 | 73 | 24 | 6 | | 6 | 296 | 16 | 148 |
| Brooklyn | Dr. S. S. Woodhull, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| German Reformed | No Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market-street | Wm. M'Murray | 220 | | | 126 | 57 | 6 | | 2 | 208 | 19 | 67 |
| Greenwich | N. I. Marselus | | | | 38 | 68 | 7 | | 2 | | 1 | 79 |
| North-West | Christian Bork | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bloomingdale | Dr. Alexander Gunn | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haerlem | C. C. Vermule | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fordham | John F. Jackson | 40 | | 25 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 28 | 2 | 31 |
| Tarry Town and Union Ville | Thomas G. Smith | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cortlandt Town | Abraham Hoffman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staten Island | Peter I. Van Pelt | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Baptis'd | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd. On confess. | Rec'd. On certific. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| New-Brunswick | Isaac Ferris | 300 | 1500 | | 55 | 14 | 18 | 3 | 8 | 264 | | |
| Raritan | No Pastor | 180 | | | 230 | 21 | 6 | | | | 49 | 84 |
| Six Mile Run | Dr. J. S. Cannon | 142 | 860 | | 42 | 2 | 7 | | 9 | 187 | 6 | 56 |
| Bedminster | Isaac M. Fisher | 210 | 1200 | | 66 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 234 | 10 | 44 |
| Hillsborough | John L. Zabriskie | 95 | 600 | | 43 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 177 | 3 | 76 |
| Rockaway and | Jacob I. Schultz | 72 | 400 | | 27 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 91 | 4 | 37 |
| Lebanon | | 140 | 717 | | 24 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 131 | 1 | 63 |
| Middletown and Freehold | S. A. Van Vranken | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spotswood | John M'Clure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minisink and Mahakemack | C. C. Eltinge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walpeck | James G. Force | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Baptis'd | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd. On confess. | Rec'd. On certific | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Bergen | John Cornelison | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Neighbourhood | C. T. Demarest | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hackinsack and | J. V. C. Romeyn | 98 | 630 | | 9 | 2 | 1 | | 10 | 111 | | 40 |
| Schraalenburgh | | 152 | 830 | | 15 | 3 | | | 20 | 163 | | 54 |
| Belville | S. Van Santvoord | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pompton Plains | Ava Neal | 170 | 1100 | | 10 | 3 | 12 | | 8 | 100 | | 80 |
| Fair Field | Herman B. Stryker | 187 | 1028 | | 28 | | 2 | | | 75 | | 79 |
| Pumpton | Jacob T. Field | 140 | | | 11 | 4 | 5 | | 3 | 81 | | 57 |
| Ponds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preakness | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Montville | J. G. Brinkerhoff | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stonehouse Plains | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wyckoff | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

No account from this Classis was laid on the table of Synod.

## CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

No account from this Classis was laid on the table of Synod.

## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Baptis'd. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Rec'd. | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | On confess. | On certific. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| 1st Ref. D. Ch. of Philadelphia | Dr. J. Brodhead | 286 | | 455 | 47 | 13 | 18 | 8 | 8 | 480 | 8 | 72 |
| 1st Ref. D. Ch. in district of Spring Garden | Brogan Hoff | 60 | | | 20 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 66 | 3 | 15 |
| North Branch | Peter Studdiford | 2[illegible]5 | | 176 | 38 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 210 | 3 | |
| North and South Hampton | Jacob Larzalere | 115 | | 70 | 20 | 2 | | | [illegible] | 87 | 5 | 55 |
| Harlingen | Peter Labagh | 157 | | 192 | | | | | | | | |
| Shanack | Gabriel Ludlow | | | | | | | | | | | |

## *PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.**

## CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Baptis'd. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Rec'd. | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | On confess. | On certific. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Kinderhook | Jacob Sickles | | | | 365 | 33 | 71 | 7 | 11 | 552 | 67 | 218 |
| Claverack | Richard Sluyter | 209 | 1309 | 254 | 215 | 12 | 44 | 2 | 8 | 427 | 22 | 224 |
| Hillsdale | Richard Sluyter | 56 | 720 | 71 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 91 | 4 | 26 |
| Ghent | Peter S. Wynkoop | 100 | | | 17 | 96 | | | | 136 | | 10 |
| Schodack | Isaiah Y. Johnson | 159 | 970 | 100 | 46 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 133 | 3 | 93 |
| Nassau | James Romeyn | 132 | | 108 | 67 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 173 | 3 | 50 |
| Greenbush | Benjamin C. Taylor | 180 | | 145 | 80 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 8 | 202 | 13 | 64 |
| Bloominggrove | Benjamin C. Taylor | 110 | 658 | 98 | 10 | | | 2 | 8 | 96 | 1 | 50 |

* From the Classes of Albany and Washington, no reports have been received.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Baptis'd | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Rec'd. | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | On confess. | On certific. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| New Paltz | William R. Bogardus | 209 | 1237 | 96 | 74 | 1 | 5 | | 9 | 157 | | 135 |
| New Hurley | | 155 | 900 | 66 | 12 | 5 | 8 | | 8 | 117 | 6 | 100 |
| Bloomingburgh | G. Dubois | 100 | 700 | 9 | 27 | 22 | 1 | | 1 | 51 | 5 | 51 |
| Mamakating | | 40 | 300 | 13 | 9 | | 2 | 2 | | 18 | | 22 |
| Saugerties | H. Ostrander | 200 | 1200 | 211 | 7 | 1 | 5 | | 3 | 211 | | 40 |
| Montgomery | Jesse Fonda | 328 | 1975 | 341 | 109 | 13 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 442 | 14 | 214 |
| Shawangunk | Abraham D. Wilson | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New-Prospect | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | James Murphy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warwarsing | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clove | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marbletown | John H. Carle | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hurley | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shokan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodstock | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatbush | Peter A. Overbagh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Esopus | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bloomingdale | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Baptis'd | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Rec'd. | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | On confess. | On certific. | Dismissed. | Suspended | Died. | Total now in communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Poughkeepsie | Cornelius C. Cuyler | | | 313 | 66 | 11 | 24 | 5 | 28 | 333 | 9 | 77 |
| Hopewell | Thomas De Witt | 95 | | 117 | 38 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 147 | 13 | 45 |
| N. Hackensack | | 108 | | 111 | 60 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 158 | 14 | 47 |
| Kingston | John Gosman | 280 | 1290 | 310 | 42 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 344 | 2 | 56 |
| Rhinebeck Flats | David Parker | 176 | 1000 | 148 | 31 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 170 | 2 | 70 |
| Greenbush | Herman Vedder | | | 76 | 9 | 00 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 80 | 4 | 64 |
| Taghcanick | | | | 173 | 30 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 200 | 3 | 60 |
| Linlithgow | Andrew N. Kittle | | | 103 | 22 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 120 | 2 | 64 |
| Redhook | | | | 117 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 118 | 0 | 30 |
| Fishkill | C. D. Westbrook | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fishkill Landing | William S. Heyer | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hyde-Park | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Plains | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | CHURCHES. | PASTORS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Caughnawaga | Rev. Abrm. Van Horne | 1st Ch. Charlestown | J. R. H. Hasbrook |
| Broome | Winslow Page | Currystown | |
| Blenheim | | Middleburgh | John F. Schermerhorn |
| Windham | | Tioga | Garrit Mandeville |
| Owasco | Conrad Ten Eyck | Schoharie | Paul Wiedman |
| Sandbeach | | Columbia | John Rawle |
| Herkimer | John P. Spinner | Cato | David R. De Freast |
| German Flats | | New-Rhinebeck | Isaac Labagh |
| Manheim | Isaac Ketchum | Florida | Peter P. Rouse |
| Salisbury | | | |
| | David Devoe | | |

*Vacant congregations.*—Brackenbin—Schoharie Mountain—Sharon—Middletown—Westerlo—Union—Fonda's Bush—Mayfield—2d Church Charlestown—Western allotment of Kingsborough—Osguack—Danube—Indian Castle—Ovid—Le Ray—2d Church Oppenheim—Fayette.

*Deposed Ministers.*—Nicholas Jones—Henry V. Wyckoff—Sylvanus Palmer—John C. Tol—Albert Ammerman—Abraham Brokaw.

### ARTICLE VII.

*Synodical Appeals.*

(See Article VIII.)

### ARTICLE VIII.

*Synodical References.*

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to Report :—

That they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New-York and Albany.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York they find an appeal of the Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, referred to General Synod, in the following words, (p. 13.) "Resolved, That the above appeal be referred to the next General Synod, for final decision."

They also find a reference to certain memorials from the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge and Simeon V. Winkle, Elder, and another from sundry members, ex-elders, and deacons, from the congregation of Schraalenburgh, on the subject of their secession, which memorials were

referred by the following resolution, "Synod Resolved, That the memorials presented to this body from members of the Classis of Paramus, from the Consistory of the congregation of Paramus, and from members of the congregation of Schraalenburgh, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Fraeligh, be referred to the General Synod, for its final decision."

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany they find a communication from the Consistory of Greenbush to the Classis of Rensselaer requesting Classis to refer the same through the Particular Synod to the consideration of the General Synod, in which communication they submit to Synod the propriety of adopting "some mode for the future government and direction of such young men as may be recommended by consistories for aid from the funds of the church, and who, under present regulations, are not amenable to the board of superintendents of the Theological Seminary, until they have completed their preparatory studies for entering the Theological Seminary."

Your Committee also notice a suggestion originating with the Classis of Rensselaer, in which they "recommend to General Synod, through the medium of Particular Synod, that a full and statistical account of the state of the Theological College be annually addressed to all our churches, either by the Professors, or the Board of Superintendents, accompanied with such remarks as shall to them appear best calculated to make our churches acquainted with the state of our Seminary, and to engage their attention, prayers, and charities, in its behalf."

On the Minutes of the Particular Synods your Committee find the resolutions of the several Classes in relation to the new organization of the Particular Synods, recommended by the General Synod in the session of 1822.

*For* the proposed alteration the Classes of New-York, Bergen, Long-Island, Albany, Rensselaer, Montgomery—6.

*Against* it, the Classes of New-Brunswick, Philadelphia, Paramus, Ulster, Washington, Poughkeepsie—6.

The proposed alteration is of course lost.

With respect to the government and direction of students recommended to Synod while attending their classical studies, "your Committee would suggest the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That it be considered the duty of such Consistories as recommend young men to the attention of General Synod, to hold a correspondence with their instructors, in order to ascertain their general deportment while pursuing their studies.

The suggestion of the Classis of Rensselaer requesting General Synod to publish a statistical account of the Theological College, does not appear to your Committee to be necessary, because the Report of the Board of Superintendents, published in the Minutes of Synod gives all the information ; but in order that this information may be more general, your Committee beg leave to propose the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Ministers und Consistories, under the jurisdiction of General Synod, to read, or cause to be read, annually, in the month of December, from the pulpit, the Report of the Board of Superintendents.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. VAN VRANKEN,
JAMES MURPHY,
JOHN I. HARDENBERGH.

Mr. Romeyn, (upon the ground that the object contemplated would be brought up through another channel,) at his own request, had leave to withdraw the paper alluded to in the preceding report, purporting to be an *appeal.*

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to the communication from the Consistory of Greenbush, be referred to the committee on the Professorate.

*Resolved*, That so much of it as relates to reading from the pulpits the annual report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School, be *adopted.*

The various *memorials* to which reference is had in the preceding report, were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Philip Duryea, Peter Labagh and Samuel A. Van Vranken, and the Elders, Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh, and Abraham Van Vechten.

A printed pamphlet was laid upon the table of Synod purporting to be " Reasons assigned by a number of ministers, elders, and deacons, for declaring themselves the true Reformed Dutch Church, in the United States of America," dated at Schraalenburgh, Oct. 25, 1822—signed by

ABRAHAM BROKAW, Minister, } *From the Congregation of*
ABRAHAM WORTMAN, Elder, } *Ovid.*
SYLVANUS PALMER, Minister, } *From the Congregation of*
PETER VOSBURGH, Deacon, } *Union.*
JOHN C. TOL, Minister, *from the Congregation of Middletown.*
HUGH MITCHELL, Elder, *from the Congregations of Westerlo and Middletown, in Canajoharie.*
HENRY V. WYCKOFF, Minister, } *From Second Church of*
HENRY FERO, Elder, } *Charlestown.*

| | |
|---|---|
| SOLOMON FRÆLIGH, Minister,<br>SIMON DEMAREST, Elder, | *Of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh.* |
| PETER D. DEMAREST,<br>ALBERT BRINCKERHOFF,<br>WILLIAM CHRISTIE,<br>HENRY N. VAN VOORHIS,<br>BENJAMIN WESTERVELT, | Elders. |
| HENRY W. BANTA,<br>RICHARD SCOTT,<br>CASPAURUS J. ZABRISKIE,<br>JOHN J. VAN BUSKIRK,<br>DAVID KIPP,<br>SAMUEL S. DEMAREST.<br>RICHARD BERDAN,<br>DAVID B. DEMAREST, | Deacons. |
| JOHN TERHUNE,<br>CORNELIUS TERHUNE, | Elders. |

Which pamphlet was also referred to the same Committee. The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee, to whom was referred several memorials of the Rev. W. Eltinge and others, together with a printed pamphlet, with the name of the Rev. Dr. Fræligh thereto subscribed, report:

That the Rev. Dr. Fræligh, as a Professor of Theology in the Dutch Church, is directly accountable to the General Synod for misbehaviour. That it appears by the printed pamphlet, referred to your committee, with the names of Doct. Fræligh and others affixed thereto, and which they have caused to be published—

1. That, Dr. Fræligh thereby avows himself as a seceder from the Reformed Dutch Church, under whose authority he holds his office of Professor.

2. That he, by the same pamphlet, implicates the constituted authorities of the church, in the serious charges of disregard to Christian discipline—of prostituting the Sacraments, by an indiscriminate administration of them, and of sanctioning or winking at unsound doctrines, and cherishing the promulgators thereof.

3. That he in the said pamphlet has united with several deposed ministers of the said church, to declare themselves the true Reformed Dutch Church, in contempt of the Ecclesiastical authority of the said church, as established by the constitution and rules thereof.

4. That the object and tendency of the said pamphlet is to excite and promote schisms and dissentions in the said church and the congregations thereto belonging.

That the foregoing acts of the Rev. Dr. Fræligh are direct violations of the duties of his office of Professor, subversive of peace and good order, and calculated to excite and spread a spirit of insubordination in the church, and to create contempt of, and resistance to, the regular and orderly administration of the government thereof.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that the Rev. Dr. Fræligh should be cited without delay to appear and answer to the charges above detailed before this Synod.

Your Committee further report,

That by reason of the press of Synodical business, your Committee have not been able to prepare a detailed report on the memorials and papers above referred to. Their general tenor represents divers acts of the Rev. Dr. Fræligh and his Consistory, as grievous to the memorialists, and that they have sought redress in the constitutional modes prescribed in such cases; but that the said Consistory and the Classis of Paramus, to which they belong, either neglect or refuse to act upon the memorialists' complaints:—That since the secession of Dr. Fræligh from the Reformed Dutch Church, a large proportion of his congregation remain faithful to their duty, who, in consequence of the adherence of the Consistory to the Doctor, are unable to adopt any measures to secure the property of their church, and to free themselves from the dominion of the said Consistory; that the memorialists for the reasons above stated, have presented their said memorials to the particular Synod of New-York, who have referred the same for advice to this Synod.

The object which they wish to obtain, appears to be, to have the said Consistory deposed, and a new election ordered, with a direction to the Classis of Paramus to ordain such new Consistory, or cause the same to be ordained.

Your committee, considering the importance and delicacy of the case, beg leave to submit the same to Synod for their decision, without expressing any opinion thereon.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP DURYEA, *Chairman.*

A citation was accordingly put into the hands of the Rev. Dr. Fræligh.

Dr. Fræligh not having appeared according to the citation, a *second* citation was served upon him, respecting which, the following affidavit of the bearer of the citation was received by Synod.

*City and County of Albany*, ss.

John Gates, Jr. being sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say, that he this morning delivered to the Rev. Dr. Solomon Fræligh a letter, said to contain a citation, issued by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, requiring Dr. Fræligh to appear before Synod to-morrow morning. That the Doctor opened and read the said letter in this deponent's presence, and then declared that he should make no reply to it. That upon this deponent's suggestion, that the Doctor's attendance was not required until to-morrow, he answered, that he could not attend. That this deponent then requested a written answer, to which the Doctor replied in the negative, saying, he should make no reply to the communication delivered by this deponent. And further this deponent says not.

Sworn this 11th day of June, 1823, before me,

JACOB H. TEN EYCK, *Alderman.*

Synod then adopted the following preamble and resolutions :—

Whereas the Rev. D. S. Fræligh stands charged by the foregoing report, with having published a Pamphlet, avowing his secession from the Reformed Dutch Church, under which he has for many years held, and continues to hold, the office of a Professor of Theology, in connection with the pastoral charge of a congregation belonging to the Classis of Paramus ; and that he, in the said pamphlet, implicates the ecclesiastical judicatories of the said church in the serious charges of disregard to Christian discipline, of prostituting the holy sacraments by an indiscriminate administration of them, and of sanctioning and conniving at unsound doctrines, and countenancing the promulgators thereof ; and that he has united with several deposed ministers to declare themselves the True Reformed Dutch Church, in contempt of the ecclesiastical authority established by the constitution and church rules, to which he has voluntarily subjected himself in his clerical as well as professoral office ; and that the object and tendency of the said pamphlet is to create schisms and dissensions in the churches and congregations under the jurisdiction of this Synod : and whereas the aforesaid acts of Dr. Fræligh are direct and deliberate violations of the solemn and important obligations of his said offices, subversive of peace and good order in the church, and tend to excite and spread a spirit of insubordination and resistance to the government thereof : and, whereas, by the acceptance of his said office of Professor, Dr. Fræligh placed himself immediately under the jurisdiction of this Synod, to whom, in consequence of their paramount authority, he also became accountable for misbehaviour in

his clerical office, during the time he holds both offices, inasmuch as the same misbehaviour in one office, which deserves and requires the exercise of ecclesiastical discipline deserves and requires it in the other ; and whereas Dr. Fræligh has been regularly served with a copy of the aforesaid report, and has been twice duly cited to appear and answer before Synod to the aforesaid charges, and has refused to obey the said citations, therefore,—

*Resolved*, That this Synod, by reason of such refusal, as well as upon an examination of the said pamphlet, do adjudge him guilty of the several offences so as aforesaid charged against him.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Fræligh be, and he hereby is removed from his said office of Professor, for the said offences ; and that he be, and hereby is, suspended from his office of Minister of the Gospel until he shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to this Synod of his sincere penitence, and full submission to the authority of the regularly constituted ecclesiastical judicatories of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk transmit a certified copy of the foregoing resolutions to Dr. Fræligh and his congregation.

*Resolved*, That the Classis of Paramus be directed to depose the Consistory of Dr. Fræligh from office, and to organize a new Consistory in the late Congregation of Dr. Fræligh.

The Committee on *Overtures* reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report,

That papers containing a memorial of grievances signed by three persons, members of the Church in Rochester, desiring to be heard by Council, have been referred to them. That they have carefully examined the same, and find that the subject has been regularly before the united Consistories of Warwarsing, Clove, and Rochester, has been decided upon by them, and that suitable discipline has been administered in the case : that this decision has been examined into and received the approbation of the Classis of Ulster ; and that Particular Synod, at their last meeting in May, having referred the subject to their committee of overtures, adopted their report, stating, "that in their opinion there appeared nothing that called for the interposition of that reverend body, and that the same should be discharged from all further consideration." And that in view of the whole case, while your Committee disapprove of the offensive term *malicious*, as used in the report adopted by Particular Synod, they concur in the opi-

nion, that there is no reasonable ground of grievance, and that the complainants be suffered to withdraw their papers.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ANDREW YATES, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Church Government.*

(See Article VIII. p. 42.)

## ARTICLE X.

### *Doctrines and Morals.*

The Classis of Montgomery, to whom the case of the Rev. C. Ten Eyck was referred for trial by the Synod in June last, brought in the following report upon that subject, which report was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. P. Labagh, J. I. Chystie, and S. A Van Vranken, and the Elders, Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, and Abraham Van Vechten.

Extract of the Minutes of the Classis of Montgomery.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes *reported*, that they found on the Minutes of General Synod an injunction in the following words :—

*Resolved*, That it be, and is hereby enjoined upon the Classis of Montgomery, as soon as may be, to inquire into the matters communicated by the petitions to General Synod, and to deal with the Rev. C. Ten Eyck, as circumstances may require, and that they report the result of their proceedings to this Synod at its next ordinary meeting. (See Minutes of Synod, 1822, p. 57.)

The Classis proceeded to consider the case of Mr. Ten Eyck, and all the papers which had been transmitted by General Synod to the Stated Clerk, were read. The Stated Clerk informed Classis, that he had forwarded to Mr. Ten Eyck a copy of the Minutes of Synod, and also a list of the charges contained in the petition to General Synod, and received the following letter from him on the subject, which was also read.

"I received the Minutes of Synod, &c. and in perusing them, I find that my Owasco opposers have preferred complaints against me to that Reverend Body, which they, in their wisdom, have thought

proper to notice, and which they have referred to the Classis of Montgomery for investigation.

"It appears from the communication to General Synod, that the complaints are, in some measure, similar to those which were before that Reverend Body, and on which they decided in the autumn of 1820, at Albany. As my defence appears to be the bone of contention, I shall hereby give you my design in that instrument. A sentiment has gone abroad, and I fear too many of our ministers have embraced it, that the Atonement of Christ was literally a debt paid to the Father, considering it on commercial principles; consequently, if more sinners were to be saved, a greater quantity of suffering would be necessary, than which, nothing can be more repugnant to the word of God, and the excellent standards of our church.

"My design in the defence was, to show the infinite sufficiency of the sacrifice of Christ to save the whole world. And if sinners were lost, it was not owing to any defect in the atonement, but wholly to their wilful negligence of Christ and his salvation. My views in the defence, were wholly confined to that single point.

"In my answer to the questions proposed to me by the General Synod, in 1820, I explained my views of the nature and extent of the atonement, that although it was infinitely sufficient to save the whole human family in itself considered, that however none would be savingly benefited by it, but those who exercise a living faith in Christ, and none would believe but such as were given to the Son by the Father, as the reward of his obedience unto death. It was my intention in the defence, and in my answers to the General Synod, as arising out of the defence, that if any sinners under the Gospel are lost, it is entirely to the wickedness and obstinate rebellion of their own hearts, and not to the want of the provision made, and freely offered in the Gospel.

"Thus I have preached, and thus I intend to preach as long as I am accounted worthy to be the messenger of salvation to sinners."

*Signed*, CONRAD TEN EYCK.

After due deliberation, the Classis passed the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That the above communication from the Rev. Conrad Ten Eyck, be satisfactory to this Classis, on the subject referred to them by General Synod, and that the further consideration of the subject be dismissed."

"*Resolved*, That this Classis is satisfied from the information they have received, that the difficulties in the congregation of Owasco,

have been raised, and are kept alive, by some of the deposed ministers formerly belonging to this body, and that, under such circumstances, they cannot, for the sake of twenty-five disaffected members, destroy a church of between three and four hundred members, and the usefulness of a faithful and successful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is beloved and esteemed by his people."

"*Resolved*, That this Classis will attend to such complaints only against its members, as are brought regularly and constitutionally before them."

Official extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Montgomery.

JOHN F. SCHERMERHORN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Committee, to whom the preceding statement and resolutions were referred, reported; and their Report was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Classis of Montgomery, in relation to the case of the Rev. Conrad Ten Eyck, Report:

That it does not appear, from the documents laid before them, that the subject has been investigated in the manner contemplated by the General Synod—the parties never having been brought before the Classis and the complainants called upon to substantiate their charges against the Rev. Mr. Ten Eyck. And that, although the Synod of 1822 declared, that if these charges were true, Mr. Ten Eyck's conduct was highly censurable, and unworthy a minister of the Gospel, yet, that the Classis accepted a general and vague declaration, deemed, by your Committee, wholly unsatisfactory. With these views of the subject, your Committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That this Synod do disapprove of the conduct of the Classis of Montgomery, inasmuch as the Classis have not investigated the subject referred to them, and reported the result of their investigation in detail; so as to enable Synod to make a decision thereon that shall put the matter at rest, restore peace and harmony in that section of the Church, and at the same time to exercise, or cause to be exercised, proper discipline upon the parties implicated who may merit it.

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman.*

A memorial was laid upon the table of Synod, signed "Cornelius Bogardus, Christian Miller,"—complaining of the conduct of the Classis of Albany, in the case of Mr. Searle, lately ordained by said

Classis,—the consideration of which memorial was deferred until the next stated meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

*Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

*Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

*Queen's College.*

(See Articles IV. and XIV.)

ARTICLE XIV.

*Professorate.*

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Professorate Report—That they have carefully examined the different subjects committed to them, and submit to Synod the following as the result of their deliberations :

The General Synod have much cause of thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for his continued favour to our Theological School through the past year, and especially for that success which has been given to the exertions of those friends of our Church who have procured such liberal subscriptions for the endowment of a Professorship in our Seminary. Although your Committee learn, with regret, from the Report of the Board of Corporation, that their Treasurer is in advance more than $1200 for the current expenses of the School ; and, though this fact calls loudly upon the Synod to devise, and carry into effect, suitable measures to meet promptly such de-

mand—they are, notwithstanding, encouraged to hope, that the unexpected success, in the endowment of a Professorship, will soon call into action the benevolence and ample resources of the fathers and mothers, the sons and daughters, of the Reformed Dutch Church. The Committee find that the General Synod have had, and still have, difficulties arising from their peculiar connexion with the Trustees of Queen's College, and the funds under their control; and they have reasons to believe, that both parties feel desirous that all differences between them should be speedily adjusted in an amicable manner. The attention of your committee has been drawn particularly to the internal concern of our valuable institution, in which are centered all our hopes (under the blessing of Jehovah Jesus) of the prosperity and enlargement of the Reformed Dutch Church ; and, assured as they are, that all human institutions are imperfect, they are persuaded that the Synod should pursue a different course from what has been pursued, both as it regards the admission of individuals into our School, and the appropriation of the funds for indigent students.

In regard to all these subjects, the Committee take the liberty of submitting to the General Synod, for their adoption, the following Resolutions, as expressive of their views :—

1. *Resolved*, That a professorial certificate be granted Robert Blair, a student in said School, who was prevented by sickness from attending the final examination before the Board of Superintendents ; with a certificate of licensure.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three persons be appointed to visit the Churches in the Synod of Albany, to solicit donations and subscriptions for the endowment of a *third professorship*.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee who have procured subscriptions for the second professorship in our Theological School, be requested to collect the amount of the same, as it shall become due, and pay it over to the Board of Corporation.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be directed to invest the moneys paid to them by the Committee above named, (as far as practicable *on real security*,) to the best advantage.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to negotiate with the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, on the subject of the funds entrusted to their care ; and that they have full power to enter into such stipulations with the said Board as they may judge most conducive to the interest of General Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to raise a fund to endow a Professorship, be authorised, and respectfully requested to

continue and complete the collections and subscriptions, in the southern section of the Church; and out of the moneys subscribed beyond the amount reported to General Synod, they be authorized to pay to the Trustees of Queen's College the sum of $4000, upon their receiving a good and sufficient deed of conveyance from the said Board of Trustees, for the College edifice and lot of ground attached to it, in fee simple, free from any conditions or restrictions whatsoever—and that, in such case, the said Committee be authorized to cancel the debt of $2212.02, with the interest due from the Board of Trustees of Queen's College to General Synod. The conveyance to be made to the Board of Corporation of General Synod, or such persons as the said Board may nominate in *trust* for the General Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That, in order to meet the current expenses of the year, the same measures be recommended to be pursued which were adopted by the General Synod in its last annual session, and that a special collection, in addition, be taken up in each of our Churches on the first Sabbath in August, or as soon thereafter as possible, to refund the amount which the Treasurer is now in advance,—and to meet the *immediate* claims upon the Synod.

8. *Resolved*, That, hereafter, no student shall be admitted into the Theological School, as an incumbent on the Van Benschoten fund, without first producing to General Synod a certificate, signed by the President of some Classis, certifying that he is a member in full communion with the Reformed Dutch Church, of hopeful piety; and that, on examination, they are satisfied as to his talents and acquirements, and that he promises to make an acceptable and successful labourer in the vineyard of the Lord Jesus Christ.

9. *Resolved*, That, through the insufficiency of our means to aid all indigent students who may apply, the preference hereafter be given to those who are members of, or may be qualified to be admitted into the Theological School.

10. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on those students who receive assistance from the funds, in pursuing classical studies, to unite themselves with a Christian Church in the place where they reside, and that their teacher or teachers be requested to furnish them with a semi-annual certificate of their Christian character and literary improvements, which shall be presented to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, at their stated meetings, under the control of which Board they are henceforth placed.

11. *Resolved*, That George H. Fisher, a member of the Theological School, be recommended to the aid of the Van Benschoten fund; and that the annual amount of $125 be appropriated to him.

12. *Resolved*, That the application of Elias Walling, for aid to prosecute his classical studies, be not granted, on the ground of inadequacy of the fund.

13. *Resolved*, That John A. Yates, a member of the School, who has been two years in the Seminary, have permission, under the peculiar circumstances in which he is placed, to prosecute his studies during the present year at Schenectady, providing he submits to an examination before the Board of Superintendents in May next.

All which is submitted,

J. BRODHEAD, *Chairman.*

Rev. John Ludlow, and Messrs. Christian Miller and Abraham Van Dyck were appointed the Committee contemplated in the *second* resolution contained in the preceding report:—and Messrs. Peter Sharpe, James C. Roosevelt, and Abraham Van Nest, were appointed the Committee contemplated in the *fifth* resolution of said report.

Synod then adopted the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Professors of the Theological School shall have the power of reprimanding, or suspending from the School, disrespectful, immoral, and incompetent students, during the recess of the Board of Superintendents, subject to the revision of said Board.

The Committee, to whom was referred the papers relating to the case of Professor Ludlow, (see Art. III. pp. 15, 16, 17.) brought in their report, as follows :—

The Committee to whom were referred the communications in relation to Professor Ludlow, report,

That after a full and impartial examination of the subject, they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, 1. That this Synod concur with the extra Synod assembled in this city in the month of February last, in their construction of the constitution of our church, in relation to the obligations imposed on the Professors of Theology, in the Theological College, and they unite with the said Synod, in the opinion, that, according to the constitution, no Professor of Theology is at liberty to accept a call from an individual congregation, until the General Synod shall first have accepted his resignation of the office of Professor.

2. That this Synod consider the reasons assigned by Professor Ludlow in his resignation communicated to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, as altogether inoperative at this time, (however cogent they might have been, at the time the call of the church at Albany was presented to him) in consequence of the liberal endowment of a Professorate by the friends of our Reformed Church, whereby provision is made for the payment of the salary of the Professor. And this Synod cannot, therefore, consistent with the duty they owe the whole church, accept of the resignation of Professor Ludlow, but, on the contrary, as the churches have increased confidence in his usefulness, do hope that he will consider it his duty to continue in his present situation.

All which is submitted,

D. PARKER, *Chairman.*

The question being taken upon the adoption of the *first* of the preceding Resolutions, it was decided in the *affirmative.* The votes were as follows :—

*Yeas.*—J. Brodhead, P. Labagh, Van Vranken, J. V. C. Romeyn, Cornelison, Taylor, Johnson, Parker, Christie, Wyckoff, J. Romeyn, Fisher, Van Pelt, J. D. Fonda, Jackson, Smith, P. Duryea, Crolius, Labagh, J. R. Hardenbergh, J. I. Hardenbergh, Van Winkle, Hammond, Miller, Van Nest, Van Vliet, Kuypers, Berringer—28.

*Nays.*—Mc'Clure, Van Hook, Vedder, Weidman, Kittle, Murphy, Yates, John Duryea, Eltinge, Schermerhorn, Van Vechten, Tenbroeck, Swart, Ingold, E. Van Alen, Burhance, De Ridder, Kissam—18.

The *second* resolution having been amended by the addition of the following clause, viz.—" Yet, under the circumstances of the case, Synod deem it improper to interfere authoritatively, and they therefore leave Professor Ludlow free to follow the dictates of his own sense of duty ;"—and the question being taken upon its adoption, it was decided in the *affirmative.*

The question upon the adoption of the whole Report was then taken, and it was decided in the *negative.*

The following Resolution was then adopted, viz. :—

*Resolved,* As the sense of this Synod, that, under all the circumstances of the case they accept Professor Ludlow's resignation of his Professoral office.

The votes were as follows :—

*Yeas*—Brodhead, Mc'Clure, Van Vranken, Van Hook, Parker, Fisher, Van Pelt, Kittle, Murphy, J. D. Fonda, John Duryea, Jackson, Eltinge, Schermerhorn, Crolius, J. R. Hardenbergh, Van Winkle, Hammond, J. I. Hardenbergh, Van Vechten, Ten Broeck, Swart, Ingold, Van Nest, E. Van Alen, Burhance, De Ridder—27.

*Nays*—P. Labagh, J. V. C. Romeyn, Cornelison, Taylor, Johnson, Vedder, Christie, Wyckoff, J. Romeyn, Dr. Yates, Smith, Hasbrook, T. Romeyn, Bassett, Kuypers, A. Labagh, Miller, Van Vliet—18.

*Resolved*, That this Synod consider it due to Professor Ludlow to express the high sense they entertain of his able and faithful services to the Church, in his Professoral office, and their fervent prayers for the blessings of God upon his pastoral labours in the Church and congregation whose call he has accepted.

*Resolved*, That the stated Clerk be directed to inform Mr. Ludlow of the acceptance by Synod of his resignation, and to communicate to him the preceding Resolution.

*Resolved*, That this Synod do now proceed to appoint a Professor, as successor to the late Professor Ludlow. A number of candidates were then nominated for the Professorship.

On the same day the Synod proceeded, by ballot, to reduce that nomination to two; and, on the next day, (after special prayer to God) of these two to elect the Professor.

On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. *John De Witt* was elected Professor of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History in the Theological College.

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Professor now elected be $1750 per annum.

*Resolved*, That J. R. Hardenbergh, Andrew Howell, and Lewis Carman, be a Committee to repair the right wing of the College edifice, and offer it to the Professor elect at the usual rent of property in New-Brunswick, provided the negotiation with the Board of Trustees, on the subject of the edifice, succeed—and also to take measures for the removal of the Professor elect, if he accept the office.

*Resolved*, That the Professor of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History, be inaugurated into his office in the Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, on the first Wednesday of September next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and that, in addition to the inaugural address, to be delivered on that occasion by the Professor, the Rev. John Knox be, and he hereby is appointed to preside and deliver a sermon, and the Rev. Thomas De Witt to deliver a charge to the

Professor ;—that the Rev. David Parker be appointed as *secundus* to the Rev. John Knox, and the Rev. Jesse Fonda, as *secundus* to the Rev. Thomas De Witt.

The following resignation of his Professorship, by Dr. Fræligh, was presented to Synod, and referred to the Committee previously appointed in the case of Dr. Fræligh :—

*To the Reverend General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church.*

REVEREND GENTLEMEN,

On account of my age and its concomitant infirmities, I have thought proper to resign my Professoral office, and beg your reverend body to accept my resignation.

I remain the Synod's
humble servant,
SOLOMON FRÆLIGH.

*June* 7, 1823.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee, to whom was referred the resignation of Dr. Fræligh of his office of Professor of Theology in the Reformed Dutch Church, report,

That inasmuch as Dr. Fræligh was cited to appear before Synod this day to answer to certain charges of a serious nature ; and he, instead of obeying the said citation, has sent in his resignation of his Professor's office, in virtue whereof he is accountable solely to Synod—your Committee are of opinion that his resignation ought not to be accepted ; and they respectfully submit to the consideration of Synod the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the resignation of Dr. Fræligh of his Professor's office be not accepted ; and that he be again cited to appear forthwith before Synod to answer to the said charges.

P. DURYEA, *Chairman.*

(See Article VIII. p. 45, &c.)

## ARTICLE XV.

### *Students in Theology.*

The following communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of New-York, viz. :—

To the Rev. President of the General Synod.

It is my duty to communicate through you, to the General Synod, the following resolution passed by the Classis of New-York, at a special meeting held May 27, 1823, viz. :—

"Whereas there appears to be some doubts as to the meaning of the act passed by General Synod, in June, 1822, respecting Mark Jordan, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That Classis instruct their Delegates to the General Synod to make application to Synod at their next meeting for authority to license Mark Jordan as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, if, in the opinion of Classis, Mr. Jordan should be found qualified for such licensure.

Extract from the Minutes of the Classis of New-York.

PASCHAL N. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

*New-York, June* 4, 1823.

*Resolved*, That the Classis of New-York be at liberty to license Mark Jordan as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry when they shall judge him qualified for such licensure.

ARTICLE XVI.

*Church Visitation.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

*Prevailing Sins.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

*Missions.*

The Committee on Missions, brought in the following report, which being amended, was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Missions submit to Synod the following report, viz.

That the documents furnished on this subject by the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church are unusually interesting, and well calculated to cheer the hearts, and animate the hopes of all the people of God. The members and friends of our own church in particular, have ample cause to rejoice. Something is at last doing among us, to repair the waste places and enlarge the holy boundaries of our Saviour's kingdom. Your Committee are encouraged. A brighter day dawns on us through the formation of a distinct Missionary Society, under the auspices of the General Synod. That society has already proved an indescribable blessing, and with the divine benediction, promises great good in future.

Your Committee state with much pleasure, that, in the course of the last year, several missionaries have been employed in the city and vicinity of New-York. In that city a Dutch Church is now

building, and liberal subscriptions have been obtained for this object. The corner-stone of another church has also been laid in the same city. In that populous neighbourhood, the missionaries have laboured with pleasing prosperity, and the field of exertion is there widening, and the prospect of success increasing every day. Missionaries belonging to our church, have likewise visited Warren, Montgomery, and Washington Counties in this State, and by their preaching and visits from house to house, have proved distinguished blessings to families and churches. In Athol, Caldwell, Johnsburgh, and Warrensburgh, great good has been done. Within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery, the word has been heard with much solemnity, and the hopes of future success, in that region, are great, especially if prompt and systematic efforts be made on the part of our Missionary Society. Churches, formerly so poor and desolate as necessarily to be without ministers, are now supplied with pastors as the result of missionary operations; and the most pressing applications are still made to the missionary board by feeble congregations for that assistance which is requisite to keep them in existence. And shall they call in vain? Shall our ears be deaf to their cry? Shall aid be refused? The whole church answers, *No*—We are encouraged by the past, and our exertions shall be greater in the time to come.

Your Committee likewise report that during the last year, missionary societies have been formed auxiliary to the Parent Institution. It is, however, deeply to be regretted, that the number of these auxiliary societies is so small, and that so few collections have been made in our churches to replenish the funds of the Missionary Board. The duty of our people in relation to this object is plain. Their abilities are abundant. Their obligations are imperious. Much of Emmanuel's land remains to be possessed. Our money must be given for missionary purposes. The church must imbibe more of a missionary spirit, and her labours present more of a missionary aspect. Thus will the redeemed of the Lord be gathered to himself. The Dutch Church will extend her borders. The kingdom of darkness will be demolished. The heavens will rejoice, and the earth be glad, and God himself will be glorified for ever.

The Committee have with much pleasure, received and examined the report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, and find that there has been $1,943 received into the treasury, and $1,752 paid out, for missionary purposes; leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $191.

The Committee recommended to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That our vacant congregations, or the destitute parts of our church, make application, in the first instance, for missionary aid, to the Board of Managers of our Missionary Society; and that said Board circulate this resolution throughout our bounds.

2. That it be enjoined on those congregations which have not formed societies, auxiliary to the Missionary Society, to make annual collections for the missionary fund, that said collections be transmitted, immediately after they shall have been made, to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, and likewise, it be recommended to the Classes, to receive and assist any agents that may be sent among them by the Society, and further them in the object contemplated in their agency.

The Committee further report that they have examined the last report of the United Foreign Missionary Society. They cannot but congratulate the churches on the happy effects, which the munificence and the labours of this society have produced, and are daily producing. Among the many institutions of our favoured land, calculated to meliorate the condition of the human family, to restore the fallen dignity of man, and to enlarge the Redeemer's kingdom, this evidently ranks amongst the most prominent. It combines the talents and the piety of a vast portion of the Christian church, and consequently, merits continued, and increasing patronage. Such combinations, and such exertions are evidently calculated to hasten on the blessed period when every knee shall bow to the Lord Jesus, when the wilderness shall become like Eden, and the desert like the garden of the Lord. Already have a number sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, through the instrumentality of this blessed institution, been called into the communion of God's dear Son. They no longer bow before dumb idols. They no longer worship at the shrine of imaginary deities. They have embraced the Lord Jesus as dying sinners, and bring forth fruit unto God. We constitute a component part of this distinguished society. We participate in its labours, and, among others, share its trophies. Let us then ever cherish it, and contribute all in our power to promote its grand designs. Let us support it by our ardent prayers, and the most extensive pecuniary efforts. We have solemnly pledged our co-operation; and shall we now fold our arms in sloth? Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod.

*Resolved*, 1. That it be recommended to the churches under the jurisdiction of the Synod to increase their exertions, in aid of the funds of this society, either by annual contributions, or by the formation of auxiliary societies.

*Resolved*, 2. That it be recommended to the churches under the care of the Synod to patronize, as extensively as possible, the American Missionary Register, printed in New-York, inasmuch as this is an official organ of missionary information, and its avails are cast into the treasury of this society.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID PARKER, *Chairman.*

The Rev. James Romeyn, agreeably to appointment, preached the Annual Missionary Sermon in the evening of the third day of the Session from 1 Thess. i. 9, 10, when a collection was taken up for missionary purposes.

The Rev. John Ludlow was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod; and the Rev. Thomas De Witt was appointed his *secundus.*

*Resolved*, That the Annual Missionary Sermon preached before Synod, be hereafter delivered on the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of Synod.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### *Widows' Fund.*

No report was received from the Committee appointed by Synod at its last stated meeting, to report the state of the Widows' Fund.

*Resolved*, That said Committee be discharged; and that Messrs. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Abraham Van Nest, and Peter Sharpe, be appointed a Committee for the same purpose, and that they be directed to report to this Synod at its next stated meeting.

## ARTICLE XX.

### *Particularia.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### *Pastoral Letter*

The Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, David Parker, and Isaac N. Wyckoff, were appointed a Committee to draft a Pastoral Letter to the churches.

The Committee reported the following letter, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Pastoral Letter to the churches, report the following :—

The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, to the churches under their care, grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto you, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Although the Synod are never at a loss for matter to present to your serious consideration, they cannot but feel that the present situation of the church is entitled to peculiar regard.

The state of the Theological College may be understood from the documents which relate to that subject, and which are found in the Minutes of Synod. From these documents it appears, that such have been the embarrassment of the funds of that institution that the loss of one Professor has been the result. The anticipation of this result, however gloomy in itself, has not had the effect to depress the church with the gloomy suggestions of despair ; but on the contrary has roused the generous ardour of her sons, to exertions which, as far as they have been extended, have been crowned with a noble success. In the selection of a suitable person to succeed Mr Ludlow, the Synod have enjoyed an unanimity which intimates the full and universal confidence of the church in the individual chosen as to all the qualifications of an able Professor. The special and gracious agency of God in rousing the energies of the church in the view of losing one Professor, and in uniting her suffrages in the choice of another, is too conspicuous not to be acknowledged and adored. It is confidently hoped that that good God who brings order out of confusion, designs to intimate, in what has already been realized on this subject, the benignity of his yet unaccomplished purposes in relation to our church and school. These hopes, however, cannot be realized without correspondent exertions on your part.

The churches in the south, as far as they have been called upon, have set an example, which it is fondly hoped will promptly be followed by the remaining churches of that section as well as by those of the Northern Synod. A generous emulation on this subject will lead to the accomplishment of that fond object of the church's desire—the completion of the plan of the Theological School. Three Professors placed for their support above those perplexing contingencies which are incident to a state of dependence upon annual collections, will give a character to the seminary which cannot fail to command our own regard not only, but the highest respect of sister churches.

It must not be forgotten, however, that some time must elapse before the avails of what has been, or may yet be, subscribed on the Professoral fund can be brought to bear upon the pecuniary operations of the Synod. This circumstance, in connexion with the fact

that the treasurer is in advance, to the amount of $1200, has imposed upon the Synod the necessity of resorting to a special collection to be taken up in all the churches under their care, on the first Sabbath in August, or as soon thereafter as possible, for the purpose of meeting the present exigences of the church. The subject is introduced in this place with a view to press upon the churches the importance of not suffering prospects for the future, to allure them from the path of duty for the present. A want of promptitude here may, and indeed must, result in the necessity of much larger contributions, at a time not far distant The earnest desire of the Synod is, that this necessity may be spared by a general and earnest attention to the collection above mentioned, as well as to the other collection directed by preceding Synods.

In addressing you upon the state of the church, the Synod are constrained to call your attention to a most unhappy secession, commenced in the Classis of Paramus, and for the spread of which through other portions of our communion, attempts have been and still are making. In what light the conduct of the authors of this secession is viewed by the Synod, their acts sufficiently declare. But while they would adopt the strongest terms to express their abhorrence of a schismatical spirit, they are constrained to entertain the idea that, by far the greatest part of those who have appeared against the constituted authorities of the church, have been led into the course which they have pursued, by mistaken apprehensions, gendered by unfounded representations of the character for faith and practice of the ministers and people that compose the body of the church. Believing that the doctrines of the church, and those of the great mass of the secession are substantially the same, the Synod still regard them as the object of their solicitude, and of their prayer; and would affectionately invite them to break off from their connexion with those that would rend the body of Christ, to the inexpressible injury of the cause of religion. Surely there are divisions enough in the church, and whatever may be the causes which may have produced them, there can be no reason why those who have the same faith, the same baptism, the same standards, and the same sectional feelings, should not endeavour to keep the unity of spirit in the bond of peace. Let all the real friends of our church, as she appears in her articles, rally around the standard of the cross, and at the command of the Great Captain of Salvation march onward in the cause of truth and righteousness, fighting the good fight of faith, till the millennial glory shall burst upon the world, and exhibit the immortal triumph of the armies of the living God.

S. A. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XXII.

*Synodical Archives.*

*Resolved*, That the Committee who have collected the subscriptions in the southern section of the church, for the endowment of a Professorship, be authorised to cause the names of the subscribers to be placed conspicuously in the hall of the Theological College.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and Close.*

The minutes were read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish seven hundred copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated ; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New-York, on the first Wednesday of June, 1824, at ten o'clock, A. M.

J. FONDA, *President.*
JOHN DE WITT, *Adsessor.*
ISAAC N. WYCKOFF, } *Clerks.*
JAMES ROMEYN. }

Official copy from the original minutes.

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

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☞ The particular attention of the ministers and consistories of the church, is respectfully directed to the estimate contained p. 28, to the resolution of Synod p. 53, 7th resolution, directing a special collection to be made in all the churches on the first Sabbath of August, or as soon after that day as practicable, for the relief of the treasury from its present embarrassment, and to the pastoral letter.

THE

# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE

# Reformed Dutch Church,

## IN NORTH AMERICA,

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# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the city of New-York, on Wednesday the second day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four. The Session continued from the second to the tenth day of June, inclusive.*

## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Jesse Fonda, the President of the last General Synod; who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Ezek. xliii. 12.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler,* Rev. Messrs. N. I. Marselus and P. N. Strong.

Elders, Messrs. Henry Rutgers, Abraham Van Nest,† and Cornelius Hyer.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, Rev. Messrs. Isaac Ferris and Jacob I. Shultz.

Elders, Messrs. John Frelinghuysen,‡ Henry Van Arsdalen, and Henry Miller, Jun.

* Rev. John Knox, a secundus, occupied the seat upon the last day of the session.

† Mr. Abraham Bloodgood, a secundus, occupied the seat during a part of the last day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave to be absent after the third day of the session.

*3. From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Messrs. John Cornelison, Jacob T. Field,* and Staats Van Santvoord.

Elders, Messrs. Jacob Dumot and John D. Piatt.†

*4. From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Messrs. Wilhelmus Eltinge and John I. Chrystie.

Elder, Mr. Andrew P. Hopper.‡

*5. From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Messrs. Jacob Schoonmaker,|| David S. Bogart,§ and John Beattie,

Elders, Messrs. James Laremore, Daniel Brinkerhoff, and Aurt Van Pelt.

*6. From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Messrs. Peter Studdiford, Peter Labagh, and Jacob Larzalere.

Elders, Messrs. Frederick Erringer and David Nevius.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

*1. From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Messrs. B. C. Taylor and Isaac N. Wyckoff.

Elders, Messrs. Henry L. Van Dyck and William Schuneman.

*2. From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Messrs. Maurice W. Dwight, Abm. I. Switz, and Philip Duryee.

Elders, Messrs. Jacob L. Viele and Moses Cowan.**

*3. From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Messrs. Jesse Fonda, James B. Ten Eyck, and Henry Ostrander.††

Elders, Messrs. John Blake and Jacob Ostrander.

*4. From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Messrs. John P. Spinner, Peter P. Rouse, and John F. Schemerhorn.‡‡

Elder, Mr. Peter Swart, Jun.

* Was succeeded by the Rev. Ava Neal, on the sixth day of the session.

† Was succeeded by the Elder Mr. Lucas Ryerson, on the sixth day of the session.

‡ Occupied his seat for four days.

§ Was succeeded by the Rev. Zechariah Kuypers, his secundus, on the eighth day of the session.

|| Was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, his secundus, on the eighth day of the session.

** Had leave to be absent after the fourth day of the session.

†† Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

‡‡ Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

5. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Messrs. Samuel Kissam, Cornelius Bogardus, and John Ludlow.*

Elders, Messrs. John R. Bleeker, Jacob Salsbergh,† and Anthony Egberts.

6. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Messrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, Cornelius D. Westbrook, and Thomas Dewitt.

Elders, Messrs. Joseph Harris, Cornelius C. Van Wyck, and John Storm.

### ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Thomas Dewitt was chosen President.

Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler was chosen Adsessor.

Rev. Samuel Kissam and Nicholas I. Marselus were chosen Clerks *pro tem.*

### ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of Minutes.*

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod were read.

## ACTS OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Orders and Rules.*

These were read—

*Resolved*—That a Committee be appointed to define, for the future regulation of the General Synod, the respective rights and duties of the Delegates *Primarii* and *Secundi.*

Rev. Messrs. Cornelison and Strong, and the Elder Mr. Miller, were appointed such Committee.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

* Rev. Dr. Bradford, the primarius, occupied the seat a part of one day.

† Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

The Committee appointed to define the respective Rights and Duties of Delegates Primarii and Secundi, Report,—1. That when a Primarius shall find it impracticable to attend the Judicatory to which he is delegated, that then it shall be his duty, as soon as may be, to notify a Secundus, and that when he shall take his seat, it shall not be vacated to give place to the Primarius.

2. That at the commencement of the session the members delegated, whether Primarii or Secundi, shall be recognized and recorded, but when the Primarius shall appear at any subsequent period of the session, then the Primarius shall take the seat of the Secundus, and the Secundus shall not be considered a member again unless by the request of the Primarius, and express permission obtained from the Synod.

All which is submitted,

JOHN CORNELISON, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE II.

### *Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed:—

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Messrs. John Ludlow, Paschal N. Strong, Dr. James S. Cannon, Cornelius D. Westbrook, and Jesse Fonda; and the Elders, Messrs. Henry L. Van Dyck, and John Frelinghuysen.*

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Messrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, and Peter Labagh; and the Elder, Mr. Abraham Van Nest.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Messrs. David S. Bogart, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and John Beattie; and the Elders, Messrs. Henry Van Arsdalen, and Peter Swart, Jun.

*On Missions.*—Rev. Messrs. Peter Studdiford, Wilhelmus Eltinge, Maurice W. Dwight, and Benjamin C. Taylor; and the Elder, Mr. John Blake.

*On the state of Religion.*—Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, Rev. Messrs. Isaac Ferris, Samuel Kissam, and James B. Ten Eyck; and the Elder Mr. Moses Cowan.

*On Overtures.*—Rev. Messrs. Jacob Schoonmaker, Cornelius Bogardus, and John P. Spinner; and the Elder, Mr. Joseph Harris.

* Rev. Dr. Bradford was afterward added to the Committee, and the Elder Mr. Cornelius Heyer was substituted in the room of Mr. John Frelinghuysen, when the latter obtained leave of absence.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Communications.*

Communications were received from the Classis of Rensselaer, recommending Benjamin B. Westphal, and from the Classis of New Brunswick, recommending David Abeel, jun. and Abraham H. Dumont, as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The committee appointed in June last, to procure subscriptions in the Northern section of the Church, for the endowment of a Professorship in the Theological College, presented the following report:

The committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, at a meeting held in the city of Albany, in June, 1823, to visit the churches in the Synod of Albany, to solicit subscriptions for the endowment of a third Professorship in the Theological College, report, that they have obtained the following subscriptions:

*In the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Albany.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Stephen Van Rensselaer, | $1000 |
| Abraham Van Vechten, | 250 |
| John R. Bleecker, | 500 |
| Barent Bleecker, | 250 |
| Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jun. | 500 |
| Charles D. Townsend, | 250 |
| Teunis Van Vechten, | 300 |
| Harmanus Ten Eyck, | 250 |
| Catherine Gansevoort, | 250 |
| | 3,550 |

The committee have made no direct application to any churches or individuals out of the city of Albany, nor have they obtained half the amount which they have the present hope and prospect of obtaining in the city.

The committee deem it unnecessary to detail the reasons why more has not been done. They, however, believe that vigorous efforts, accompanied with the Divine blessing, will secure the end which the Synod have in view, and they would respectfully suggest the propriety of appointing additional committees to attain it.

JOHN LUDLOW,
ABRAHAM VAN DYCK, } *Committee.*
CHRISTIAN MILLER,

A communication from Mr. Isaac Blauvelt, of New Rochelle, containing various statements, with a request that he may be restored to

Christian privileges, referred to this Synod, by the Classis of New York, was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Cannon and Peter Steddiford, and the elder Mr. J. R. Bleecker.

The committee reported, and their report was *adopted*, and is as follows :

Your committee appointed on the reference made by the Classis of New York, of an application of Mr. Isaac Blauvelt, to be restored to the enjoyment of Christian privileges, beg leave to report—

That many years have elapsed, since Mr. Blauvelt was suspended from the communion of our church, and deposed from the ministry of the Gospel ; that, so far as facts can now be collected in relation to this case of discipline, the testimony received at that time against Mr. Blauvelt, was not such as to afford full satisfaction to many respectable and aged members of Synod, and that, in consideration of all the circumstances of the case, as well as of the acknowledgment made by Mr. Blauvelt, in his petition laid before Synod, and especially of the uniform report of his regular Christian walk during the long period of his suspension, there appears to your committee no cause why his petition should not be granted. The following resolution, therefore, is recommended to Synod for adoption :

Resolved, that Isaac Blauvelt be and hereby is restored to the enjoyment of the full communion of the church.

JAMES S. CANNON,<br>P. STUDDIFORD,<br>J. R. BLEECKER, } *Committee.*

The Board of Superintendents brought in the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

*Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College of the Reformed Dutch Church, at New Brunswick, to the General Synod, for the year ending with May,* 1824.

We rejoice, with thankful hearts, in being enabled to state to General Synod, that, under the smiles of a gracious Providence, the Theological College has been kept in successful operation through another year, and the prescribed course of instruction has been regularly, diligently, and successfully pursued.

Through Divine mercy, the life of our venerable senior professor has been spared, and so firm has his health been, that, in his seventy-eighth year, he has been enabled to attend to every lecture in its season, without feeling it to be a burden; nay, with the alacrity and delight which ordinarily belong to much earlier life.

The Professor of Biblical Literature, &c. elected at the last session of General Synod, has accepted the appointment, and was inaugurated according to the order made on the subject, at the commencement of the last session of the Theological College. He immediately entered upon the duties of his office, and has fulfilled them to the perfect satisfaction of the Board. We deem this a testimony due to the diligence and success with which he has prosecuted the objects of his appointment to a new, important, and highly responsible station in the church.

The number of students who have attended at the Theological College during the year, has been twenty-nine. Thirteen have belonged to the first class, four to the second, and twelve to the third. The following is a list of their names:

*First Class.*—Gustavus Abeel, Asa Bennet, William Crookshank, James B. Hardenbergh, Benjamin Van Keuren, Stephen H. Meeker, Abraham Messelaer, Jonathan F. Morris, Douw Van Olinda, Jacob C. Sears, Elbert Slingerland, Jefferson Wynkoop, and John A. Yates.

*Second Class.*—Jacob T. B. Beekman, George H. Fisher, Richard D. Van Kleeck, and John G. Tarbell.

*Third Class.*—Ira Condict Boise, Henry Hermanse, Benjamin B. Westphal, John Garritson, Abraham H. Dumont, Charles Whitehead, Cornelius Van Cleef, David Abeel, Jun. John H. Van Wagenen, Isaac P. Labagh, Abraham I. Labagh, Christian Z. Paulison.

The Professor of Didactic Theology has reported to us, " That, by the blessing of the Lord, the institution, in all its branches, has been cultivated with faithfulness, and without interruption: that the conduct of the students has been correct and exemplary, and that they have attended to their studies with diligence and success."

The Professor of Biblical Literature, &c. has reported that, " The demeanour of the students has been respectful and pious, their attendance on the different exercises punctual and regular, and their application to study has afforded gratification to their instructors." He adds, as a circumstance that cannot fail communicating gratification to every member of the Board, that " for the last six weeks, there has been an unusual degree of solemnity among several students of the seminary. Some have received increased light, after great anxiety on the subject of their hopes; whilst others have had their hearts warmed and quickened. Another devotional meeting was immediately commenced among them, which is spoken of as having proved the source of peculiar profit and joy."

The whole of this information has been highly gratifying to the Board, and they have no doubt it will be to the General Synod and the church. While our students are pursuing their studies with dili-

gence, and cherishing the love of God in their hearts, we may confidently hope that our churches will long be supplied with faithful and able pastors; workmen who need not be ashamed; men who will bear the ark with steady step, when the present race of pastors shall be called to their rest.

We have, as usual, examined the students on the various branches of study pursued by them, and are abundantly satisfied that the commendation of the professors has been well merited. The Senior Class, with the exception of James B. Hardenbergh, have been cordially recommended for professoral certificates. Mr. Hardenbergh was prevented from attending the examination by severe indisposition, from which, through divine mercy, he is happily convalescing. The Board have been assured that he is a worthy member of the institution; that he has made great proficiency in his studies, and affords good hope, that should the Lord restore his health, he will become a highly reputable and useful minister of the Gospel. We recommend his case to the attention of General Synod, and hope they will allow the professors to furnish him with a certificate to admit him to his examination before Classis.

The Board have, during the past year, appropriated for the support of students who needed assistance, the sum of six hundred and forty dollars. This sum is exclusive of the assistance afforded from the fund established by the late reverend, pious, and truly liberal Elias Van Benschoten, whose memory is blessed in our Zion. In making these grants, the Board have endeavoured to govern their appropriations by the most rigid economy, granting nothing which necessity did not seem to require. They hope it will be found to be "bread cast upon the waters," and returned with increase in due season.

They are happy to say, that they consider the state and prospects of our Theological College encouraging. The number of students has been greater during the past year than at any former period, and its internal state has never been more satisfactory. The church is already reaping largely of the seed which has here been sown, and it gives good hope that in years to come there will be "bread for the eater, and seed for the sower;" that our churches, as they are, or may become vacant, may be suitably supplied, and a band raised up to plant the standard of the cross, under our auspices, on new stations. We shall thus lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes. We may, as a church, hope for much good from this institution. Our purity and safety, are, under God, intimately connected with it. Let us hope that it will receive, as it deserves, the affection, the prayers, and the liberal support of all our churches.

The Board feel it to be their duty to state distinctly to the General

Synod, that although much has already been done, much more is required to be done, in order to give this school of the prophets permanent and extended usefulness. More must be done, in order to reap the fruit of what has already been done. The successful effort to establish a professorship, which was made by three of our elders in 1822, it is hoped will stimulate the committee appointed in 1823, to prosecute the object of their appointment to a successful issue, during the present year. If this desirable end can be attained, the professoral and permanent funds will form the basis of another professorship, which one comparatively small effort will complete; and thus the great object at which we have long aimed, will be realized. Our church will live, and increase. Our school of the prophets will live, and streams shall issue from it which will make glad the city of our God.

In the mean time, the Board feel impelled to state to General Synod, that present and extensive measures are necessary to meet present wants. The interest of the professoral and permanent funds, together with the interest on the sum already collected for the second professorship, are far from being sufficient to meet the professors' salaries. The residue, for some time, must be sought from other sources. It will also be found that a considerable debt has been incurred, for which provision must be made.

The Board feel it to be their duty to direct the attention of the General Synod to a fact in our fiscal concerns, which they deem of great importance. The measures pursued to procure funds for our current expenses since 1822, when our measures were changed, have been by far less successful than those which preceded them. Would it not be advisable to revert to the former system? We submit the suggestion to the wisdom of the General Synod.

General Synod will perceive that our confidence and our hopes, connected with this institution, are undiminished—are increasing. We cannot, therefore, in conclusion, (and it is the last time on which the present Board will address General Synod on the subject) but commend our Theological College to your affection, to your wisdom, and to your prayers—to the interested regard and warm support of the church—and to the blessing of that God, whose favour is life, and whose loving-kindness is better than life. May all say, and may He especially say, "Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it."

PH. MILLEDOLER, *Pres't. p. t.*

C. C. CUYLER, *Clerk, p. t.*

A digest of their proceedings, together with their Treasurer's report, was received from the Board of Managers of the Missionary

Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. John Knox, who was appointed to preside at the installation of the Rev. Professor Dewitt, brought in the following report, which was accepted—

The undersigned appointed by Synod to preside at the installation of the Rev. Professor Dewitt, and to preach upon the occasion, reports, That the Rev John Dewitt was inducted into his office of Professor of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History in the Theological School, (in the Reformed Dutch Church of New-Brunswick,) on the first Wednesday of September last, according to the direction of Synod; when in addition to the inaugural address delivered by the Professor, the undersigned delivered a sermon, and the Rev. Thomas Dewitt gave a charge to the Professor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX.

A communication (accompanied with various documents) from the Rev. Loring D. Dewey, an agent of the American Colonization Society, was received, and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Strong and Schemerhorn, and the Elder Dr. Van Dyck.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Rev. L. D. Dewey, agent of the Colonization Society, accompanied with sundry documents, beg leave to report,—

That they have examined said documents with much pleasure, and cannot but view that Institution as one of the most interesting and important in the country. About seven years have elapsed since the society was formed at Washington, for the purpose of colonizing the free people of colour residing in Amerca, in Africa, or in such other place as Congress should deem most expedient. A tract of land at Cape Montserado has been purchased, with one of the best harbours between Gibraltar and the Cape of Good Hope. The number of settlers has been much increased of late, under the superintendance of agents of acknowledged character and abilities.

The design of the Institution is truly magnificent and benevolent, and if fully realized, must open a wide door for the introduction of the Gospel among the benighted and oppressed sons of Africa.

This society having already received the favourable notice of the principal ecclesiastical bodies of our country, your Committee recommend, for the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions, viz :

*Resolved.*—That this Synod cheerfully recommend to the patronage of the churches under their care, the American Colonization Society.

*Resolved.*—That whenever meetings shall be held in our churches on the 4th July, it be earnestly recommended to have collections made in behalf of this Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

P. N. STRONG, *Chairman.*

A communication was received, signed Martin G. Schuneman, and referred to the Committee on overtures.

The Committee appointed by Synod, at its last meeting, to procure donations to the amount of $4000, and hand over the same to the Trustees of Queen's College, in payment for the College edifice, brought in the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate,—

The Committee, to whom was delegated the authority to beg the sum of four thousand dollars, to be paid to the Board of Trustees of Queen's College in New-Jersey, in payment of the College edifice and lot, report, That the annexed statement exhibits the result of their labours, viz :

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| Consistory of church at Freehold, N. Jersey, | $300 00 | |
| Consistory of church at Newtown, Long-Island, | 250 00 | |
| Rev. P. I. Van Pelt, Staten Island, . . | 125 00 | |
| Benjamin Bailey, Haerlem, . . . | 100 00 | |
| M. Van Beuren, Greenwich, . . . | 250 00 | |
| J. B. Yates and Archibald M'Intyre, New-York, | 250 00 | |
| Gideon Lee, New-York, . . . . | 30 00 | |
| E. C. Delavan, New-York, . . . | 25 00 | |
| Joseph Jamison, New-York, . . . | 5 00 | |
| | | 1335 00 |
| *Collegiate Churches, New-York.* | | |
| Abraham Bloodgood, . . . . . | 125 00 | |
| Mary Smith, *widow*, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Abraham Brower, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| John Nexsen, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Samuel Neilson, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| A. Sitcher, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Isaac Amerman, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Anthony Chapple, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Joseph Gerand, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Carried over, | $375 00 | $1335 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $375 00 | $1335 00 |
| J. B. Montgomery, | 25 00 | |
| William Swan, | 25 00 | |
| Stephen Baker. | 25 00 | |
| Joseph Varick, | 25 00 | |
| J. Van Benschoten, | 12 50 | |
| Margaret Ten Eyck, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Ellen Brown, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Thomas L. Chester, | 25 00 | |
| James R. Oliver, | 25 00 | |
| Margaret Schoonmaker, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Jane Vredenbergh, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Hanke Lilienthal, | 50 00 | |
| James Forrester, | 25 00 | |
| Isaac Young, | 25 00 | |
| Anthony Steinback, | 50 00 | |
| Catharine Harvey, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Catharine Van Blarcom, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Stephen Reed, | 25 00 | |
| George Van Nest, | 25 00 | |
| Isaac Plum, | 25 00 | |
| William Gallatian, | 75 00 | |
| A. V. Maybie, | 25 00 | |
| Luke Torboss, | 25 00 | |
| Harman Westervelt, | 25 00 | |
| Mary Prall, *widow*, | 25 00 | |
| Nicholas Van Antwerp, | 25 00 | |
| John Sutphen, | 25 00 | |
| Abraham Meserole, | 25 00 | |
| James Campbell, | 10 00 | |
| Cornelius V. Roosevelt, | 10 00 | |
| Garret Cosine, | 5 00 | |
| William Poe, | 5 00 | |
| George B. Thorburn, | 5 00 | |
| Benjamin M'Cready, | 5 00 | |
| Jonas Mapes, | 10 00 | |
| ——— Allen, | 5 00 | |
| E. Storer, | 5 00 | |
| J. Meserole, | 5 00 | |
| N. Moore, | 5 00 | |
| W. E. Matthews, | 5 00 | |
| Carried over, | $1212 50 | $1335 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | $1212 50 | $1335 00 |
| Abraham Ferdon, | 20 00 | |
| Harman Bruen, | 10 00 | |
| John E. Van Antwerp, | 5 00 | |
| Richard Williamson, | 3 00 | |
| Stephen Van Brunt, | 5 00 | |
| V. Vandewater, | 10 00 | |
| Cornelius Suydam, | 5 00 | |
| John K. Beekman, | 20 00 | |
| William Chapman, | 25 00 | |
| Andrew C. Zabriskie, | 25 00 | |
| Sophia Rhodes, *widow*, | 30 00 | |
| Samuel F. Halsey, | 5 00 | |
| James C. Faulkner, | 10 00 | |
| Francis T. Laqueer, | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Locke, | 2 00 | |
| | | 1392 50 |
| *South Church, New-York.* | | |
| Henry I. Wyckoff, | 125 00 | |
| Alexander C. Jackson, | 50 00 | |
| James Roosevelt, | 50 00 | |
| F. Olmsted, | 50 00 | |
| F. J. Wyckoff, | 25 00 | |
| Bailey and Voorhies, | 25 00 | |
| Francis Saltus, | 25 00 | |
| Elias Nexsen, Jun. | 20 00 | |
| John W. Taylor, | 67 00 | |
| Doct. Thomas Boyd. | 25 00 | |
| Doct. ——— Bliss, | 3 00 | |
| R. V. Beekman & Co. | 25 00 | |
| Storm and Bailey, | 10 00 | |
| Nicholas Van Brunt, | 10 00 | |
| Bailey and Holmes, | 10 00 | |
| Thomas Storm, | 25 00 | |
| John T. Boyd, | 25 00 | |
| Joseph Lloyd, | 5 00 | |
| Henry Suydam, | 5 00 | |
| James Gillespie, | 5 00 | |
| Lambert Suydam, | 5 00 | |
| James Oakley, | 40 00 | |
| John S. Heyer, | 20 00 | |
| William M. Black, | 20 00 | |
| Carried forward, | $650 00 | $2628 50 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | $650 00 | $2628 50 |
| Jeromus Johnson, | 25 00 | |
| George H. Stanton, | 5 00 | |
| William Van Antwerp, | 5 00 | |
| Peter L. Vandevoort, | 10 00 | |
| | | 715 00 |
| *Market-street Church, New-York.* | | |
| Rev. Doct. William M'Murray, | 125 00 | |
| Doct. John S. Conger, | 25 00 | |
| Albert Brinkerhoff, | 25 00 | |
| Andrew Onderdonk, | 25 00 | |
| J. Meserole, | 5 00 | |
| | | 205 00 |
| *Congregation of Flatbush, Long-Island.* | | |
| Susan Catin, | 25 00 | |
| Jane Couenhoven, | 25 00 | |
| John Lefferts, | 10 00 | |
| Jeremiah Lott, | 10 00 | |
| John Lott, | 5 00 | |
| Abraham Lott, | 5 00 | |
| Garret Martense, | 2 00 | |
| Cornelius Bergen, | 3 00 | |
| Catharine Vanderbilt, | 10 00 | |
| Abigail Lloyd, | 5 00 | |
| Jane Fish, | 5 00 | |
| | | 105 00 |
| *Flat-Lands, Long Island.* | | |
| Johannes Remsen, | | 25 00 |
| *Philadelphia.* | | |
| E. Thompson, | 50 00 | |
| Peter Hertzog, | 25 00 | |
| Christian Cornelius, | 25 00 | |
| | | 100 00 |
| *Bloomingdale.* | | |
| Ichabod Prall, | 50 00 | |
| Anna Maria Jackson, | 50 00 | |
| | | 100 00 |
| Rev. John F. Jackson, | 50 00 | |
| Samuel Delamater, Franklin-street Church, | 5 00 | |
| Mrs. Frances Nicholson, Greenwich Church, | 25 00 | |
| Doct. Samuel Bradhurst, | 100 00 | |
| | | 180 00 |
| | | $4152 50 |

The Synod will perceive, from the foregoing statements, that your Committee have succeeded in raising the sum necessary to complete the arrangements with the Board of Trustees, and your Committee further state, that they are ready to make the payment to the Trustees of Queen's College, whenever the Board of Corporation shall have determined on the manner in which they will receive the title for the property ; and which the Committee are authorized to state, the Board of Trustees are ready to convey on the terms contained in the resolution of General Synod of 1823.

ABRAHAM VAN NEST,
ISAAC HEYER.
J. R. HARDENBERGH, } *Committee of General Synod.*

*New-York, June*, 1824

The Committee having completed the object of their appointment, request Synod now to discharge them.—They would inform Synod that the Classis of Paramus and Bergen (except the church at Bergen,) and the congregations of Brooklyn, New-Utrecht, Gravesend, Flatlands, Jamaica, Bushwick, North Hempstead, and Oyster-Bay, have not been visited by the Committee, and therefore they respectfully recommend that Synod appoint Committees to obtain subscriptions in those places for the Professoral fund.

ABRAHAM VAN NEST,
ISAAC HEYER,
J. R. HARDENBERGH.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Board of Corporation.*

The following report was received from the Board of Corporation, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Board of Corporation respectfully report, that since their reappointment in June last, they have been regularly convened at the house of their President, and have transacted such business as has come before them, with their usual unanimity.

In reference to the 6th resolution of the last General Synod, p. 52. under the Article "Professorate," the Board of Corporation have resolved that whenever a good and sufficient deed of conveyance from the Board of Trustees shall be made for the College edifice and lot of ground attached to it, in fee simple, free from any conditions or restrictions whatsoever, that such conveyance be made to the General Synod in their corporate style, as, "The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church."

*The following is the Treasurer's Account of the Receipts and Expenditures, from June 2, 1823, to June 1, 1824.*

| 1823. | | RECEIPTS. | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 3 | By cash from Rev. John L. Zabriskie, for Missionary Fund, . . | 13 | 13 |
| | 10 | ,, ,, from Cent Society at Hopewell, by Ann R. Swartwout, for Theological College, . . . . . | 12 | 25 |
| | 12 | ,, ,, from Church at Six-Mile-Run, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | 17 | 97 |
| | 13 | ,, ,, from Church at Somerville, January collection, for Theological College, . . . . . | 59 | 82 |
| | 20 | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, for Permanent Fund, . . | 3 | 10 |
| | 27 | ,, ,, from Church at Florida, Montgomery county, Twenty-five Cent Donations, . . . . . | 11 | 75 |
| Aug. | 15 | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, August collection, . . . | 5 | 78 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Pompton Plains, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | 15 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Montgomery, August collection, . . | 16 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Bedminster, do. . . | 6 | 71 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Bergen, do. . . | 4 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, do. . . | 13 | 42 |
| | 27 | ,, ,, from Church at Harlingen, do. . . | 10 | |
| | 29 | ,, ,, from Female Cent Society at Brooklyn, for Theological College . . . . . | 33 | |
| Sept. | 2 | ,, ,, from Church at Greenbush, August collection, . . | 9 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Blooming Grove, do. . . | 5 | |
| | 9 | ,, ,, from Church at New Hackinsack, do. . . | 20 | 90 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Hopewell, do. . . | 20 | |
| | 10 | ,, ,, from Church at Freehold, do. . . | 20 | 28 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Somerville, do. . . | 16 | 2 |
| | 13 | ,, ,, from Church at Ghent, do. . . | 6 | 72 |
| | | ,, ,, from Benevolent Society at Saugerties, for Theological College, . . . . . | 7 | |
| | 19 | ,, ,, from Church at Six-Mile-Run, August collection, . . | 10 | 32 |
| | 24 | ,, ,, from Church in Market-street, N. York, do. . . | 19 | 55 |
| Oct. | 1 | ,, ,, from Church at Schodack, for Permanent Fund, . . | 30 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at do. August collection, . . | 6 | |
| | | ,, ,, from a Member of Church at English Neighbourhood, by Doctor P. Wilson, a Donation for Theological College, | 10 | |
| | 6 | ,, ,, from Rev. John Knox, for Minutes of General Synod sold by him, . . . . . | 2 | |
| | 20 | ,, ,, from Church in Garden-street, New-York, August collection, | 62 | 12 |
| | 21 | ,, ,, from John M. Schenck, collected in the North Branch of Somerset county, N. J. for Indigent Students, . . | 6 | 56 |
| | 30 | ,, ,, from Church at New Paltz, August collection, . . | 6 | 44 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Hurley, do. . . . | 6 | 77 |
| Nov. | 4 | ,, ,, from 2d Church in Albany, do. . . . | 22 | 25 |
| | 7 | ,, ,, for two quarters interest on $3500 United States Stock, . | 105 | |
| | | ,, ,, for do. $3850 State Stock, . . | 115 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, for one year's interest on I. Heyer's subscription to Permanent Fund, . . . . . | 35 | |
| | 10 | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, November collection, . . | 18 | 95 |
| | | ,, ,, from Durling, a free coloured woman, in the family of James Bogert, Jun., a donation to Theological College, . | 1 | |
| | 12 | ,, ,, from Church at Paramus, August collection, . . . | 7 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Totowa, do. . . . | 3 | |
| | 17 | ,, ,, from Church at Union Village, do. . . . | 7 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Easton, do. . . . | 2 | 50 |
| Dec. | 3 | ,, ,, from North Church at Albany, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, . . . . . | 24 | 74 |
| | 8 | ,, ,, from Church at Schenectady, November collection, . | 17 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Warwick, August collection, . . | 5 | 25 |
| | 30 | ,, ,, from Church at Clarkstown, November collection, . . | 2 | 62 |
| 1824. | | | | |
| Jan | 7 | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, . . . . . | 16 | 45 |
| | 14 | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, November collection, . . | 2 | 57 |
| | 16 | ,, ,, from Church at Schenectady, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, . . . . . | 6 | |
| | | Carried forward. . | 833 | 47 |

*Account continued.*

| 1824. | | | | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Amount brought forward, | | 883 | 44 |
| Jan. | 21 | By cash for one quarter's interest on $3850 State Stock, | | 57 | 75 |
| | | ,, ,, for do. do. on $3500 United States Stock, | | 52 | 50 |
| | 27 | ,, ,, from Church at Stone House Plains, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | | 3 | 50 |
| | 29 | ,, ,, from Church in Market-street, New-York, do. | | 74 | 75 |
| Feb. | 10 | ,, ,, from Church at Bedminster, do. | | 7 | |
| | 11 | ,, ,, from Church at Montgomery, do. | | 37 | |
| | 23 | ,, ,, from Church at New-Brunswick, do. | | 38 | |
| | 24 | ,, ,, from Church at North Hempstead, August collection, | | 6 | 53 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Oyster Bay, do. | | 4 | 7 |
| | 26 | ,, ,, from North and Middle Churches, New-York, Twenty-five Cent Donations. | | 175 | 87 |
| | 28 | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | | 3 | 59 |
| March | 4 | ,, ,, from Mrs. Eliza Evertson, Secretary of Female Cent Society of Collegiate Churches, New-York, for Permanent Fund, | | 114 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, from Rev. John Knox, for Minutes sold, | | 1 | |
| | 17 | ,, ,, from Church at Flatbush, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | | 20 | 3 |
| | 24 | ,, ,, from Church at Clarkstown, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | | 2 | 65 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Warwick, January collection, | | 3 | 88 |
| April | 10 | ,, ,, for one quarter's interest on United States and State Stock, | | 110 | 25 |
| | 20 | ,, ,, from Middle and North Churches, N. York, August collection, | | 90 | 63 |
| | 21 | ,, ,, from Church at Haerlem, Twenty-five cent Donations, | | 6 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Bloomingdale, do. | | 7 | 75 |
| | 30 | ,, ,, from Church at Tappan, for Permanent Fund, | | 3 | 50 |
| May | 3 | ,, ,, from Rev. W Eltinge, for dividend on Bergen Turnpike stock, | | 5 | |
| | 4 | ,, ,, from Church at Shannack, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | | 7 | 12 |
| | 6 | ,, ,, from Church at Hillsborough, August collection, | | 5 | 25 |
| | | ,, ,, from Rev. John L. Zabriskie, for Minutes from Classis of New-Brunswick, | | 5 | 75 |
| | 11 | ,, ,, from Rev. Jared Dewing, for monies had by him from the Board of Superintendents, | | 465 | |
| | 15 | ,, ,, from Church at Brooklyn, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, | | 13 | 86 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Spotswood, August collection, | | 2 | |
| | 17 | ,, ,, from First Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia, | | | |
| | | for Theological College, | $12 00 | | |
| | | ,, Contingent Fund, | 3 00 | | |
| | | ,, Missionary Fund, | 13 50 | | |
| | | | | 28 | 50 |
| | 22 | ,, ,, from Ladies Cent Society of Second Dutch Reformed Church, Albany, by Margaret Jones, their Treasurer, for Theological College, | | 54 | 25 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Helderbergh, for do. | | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Jerusalem, do. | | 2 | 25 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Salem, do. | | 4 | |
| | 24 | ,, ,, from Classis of Long Island, for Minutes of Synod, | | 7 | |
| | 27 | ,, ,, for twelve months interest on $700 City Stock, | | 42 | |
| | 29 | ,, ,, from Consistory of Collegiate Churches, New-York, twelve months interest on their subscription of $5000 for Professorship, | | 300 | |
| | 31 | ,, ,, for interest on $3401 9, being amount of Permanent Fund, on individual loan, at 6 per cent. per annum, | | 264 | 6 |
| | | ,, ,, from Consistory of Church in Garden-street, New-York, their fifth and last annual donation to Permanent Fund, | | 200 | |
| | | Total | | 3055 | 28 |

| 1823. | | PAYMENTS. | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 2 | Balance due the Treasurer, | 1289 | 38 |
| | 3 | To cash paid Professor Ludlow, for salary to 1st inst. | 387 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, paid Order of Board of Superintendents for Indigent Students, | 230 | |
| | | Carried forward, | 1907 | 38 |

*Account continued.*

| | | | Dlls. | C. | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1823. | | Amount brought forward, . . . . . | 1907 | 38 | 3055 | 28 |
| June | 18 | To cash paid Rev. W. Eltinge, his expenses on delegation to Synod of German Churches, . . | 30 | | | |
| | | ,, ,, paid Robert Henry's bill, door-keeper of Synod in Albany. . . . . | 21 | 50 | | |
| | | ,, ,, paid Rev. John Knox, Stated Clerk, his expenses attending Synod, and for having Minutes transcribed, . . . . . | 20 | 25 | | |
| Sept. | 8 | ,, ,, paid draft of Professor Livingston, balance due him, for salary to 1st instant, . . . . . | 275 | | | |
| Oct. | 6 | ,, ,, paid Rev. John Knox, expenses on delegation to Synod of German Churches, . . . . | 25 | | | |
| | 31 | ,, ,, paid Abraham Paul, for printing Minutes of Synod for Extra Session in February, and Ordinary Session in June, . . . . . | 121 | 88 | | |
| Dec. | 6 | ,, ,, paid Professor Livingston, one quarter salary, due 1st instant, . . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| 1824. | 16 | ,, ,, paid Professor De Witt, . . . . . | 387 | 50 | | |
| March | 8 | ,, ,, paid Professor Livingston, one quarter salary, due 1st instant, . . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| | | ,, ,, paid Professor De Witt, . . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| May | 31 | ,, ,, amount in hand of Permanent Fund, loaned this date, at 6 per cent per annum, . . . . | 366 | 71 | | |
| | | ,, ,, paid to Treasurer of Reformed Dutch Church Missionary Society, being the amount in hand received for Missions, . . . . . | 54 | 99 | | |
| | | ,, ,, balance of interest due the Treasurer, at 6 per cent. per annum, . . . . . | 122 | 35 | | |
| | | Balance due the Treasurer in new account, . . . | | | 1589 | 78 |
| | | | 4645 | 6 | 4645 | 6 |
| | | To balance from old account, due the Treasurer, . . | 1589 | 78 | | |

ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, May* 31, 1824.

The following Appendix to his Report was added by the Treasurer.

*Statement of Receipts by the Treasurer, since the close of his Annual Account, on* 31*st ultimo.*

| | | | Dlls | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1824. June | 1 | By cash from Second Reformed Dutch Church in Albany, for Missionary and Contingent Funds, . . . . . | 18 | |
| | | and for Permanent Fund, . . . . . | 17 | |
| | 2 | ,, ,, from Churches at Rochester and Warwarsing, for Theological Seminary, . . . . . | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Jamaica, do. . . | 7 | |
| | 3 | ,, ,, from Female Cent Society at Bergen, do. . . | 6 | |
| | 4 | ,, ,, from Classis of Poughkeepsie, for Minutes of Synod, . | 12 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Florida, for Theological Seminary, . | 5 | 50 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Greenwich, do. . | 3 | 25 |
| | 5 | ,, ,, from Church at Owasco, do. . | 4 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Middleburgh, do. . | 5 | |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Lebanon, do. . | 6 | 30 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Rockaway, do. . | 6 | 70 |
| | 7 | ,, ,, from Rev. John H. Schmaltz, in part of his note for money had by him from Board of Superintendents, . . | 100 | |
| | 8 | ,, ,, from Classis of Bergen, for Minutes of Synod, . . | 10 | 30 |
| | | ,, ,, from Church at Pompton Plains, Twenty-five Cent Donations, | 9 | |
| | 9 | ,, ,, from Church at Cattskill, by Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, August collection, . . . . . | 10 | |
| | | ,, ,, from same, by same, for Twenty-five Cent Donations. . | 10 | |
| | | | 235 | 5 |

From the preceding report of the Treasurer, it appears that the following Churches have attended to *the twenty-five cent contribution*, viz ;—New-York, Market-street, Haerlem, Bloomingdale, Flatbush, Shannack, New-Brunswick, Six-Mile-Run, Bedminster, Pompton Plains, Stone-house Plains, Montgomery, and Florida (Montgomery County ;) in all, 13.

The following Churches have made collections for the *Theological College*, viz : Hopewell, Somerville, Brooklyn, Saugerties, English Neighbourhood, the 1st Church of Philadelphia, the 2d Church of Albany, Helderbergh, Jerusalem, and Salem. Total 10.

The following Churches have attended to the *collection* directed to be *made in August last*, to refund the amount which the Treasurer was in advance, and meet the *immediate* claims upon the Synod, viz. Church of New-York, Market-street, Garden-street, Brooklyn, Bergen, Tappan, Montgomery, Bedminster, Harlingen, Greenbush, Bloominggrove, New-Hackensack, Hopewell, Freehold, Somerville, Ghent, Six-Mile-Run, Schodack, New Paltz, Hurley, 2d Church of Albany, Paramus, Totowa, Union Village, Easton, Warwick, Clarkstown, North-Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Hillsborough, and Spotswood. Total 31.

The following Churches have contributed to *the Permanent Fund* during the past year, viz. Churches of New-York and Garden-street, and of Tappan, and Schodack. Total 4.

The following Churches have contributed to the Missionary and Contingent Funds, viz. 1st Church of Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Hillsborough, Tappan, Clarkstown, North Church of Albany, and Schenectady. Total 7.

The Church at North Branch, is the only Church which has made any collection for *Indigent Students.*

The following Churches have made no collections or contributions whatever for the General Synod, during the past year, viz.

*In the Classis of New-York,*

Greenwich, Fordham, Tarrytown, Union Ville, Courtlandtown. Staten Island, and the German Reformed Church.

*In the Classis of Long-Island,*

New Utretcht, Gravesend, Flatlands, Bushwick, Jamaica, Newtown, and Success.

*In the Classis of Bergen,*

Hackensack and Schraalenbergh, Belleville, Fairfield, Pompton Ponds, Preakness, Montville, and Wyckoff.

*In the Classis of Paramus,*

Saddle-River, and Aquackenunck.

*In the Classis of New-Brunswick,*

Rockaway, Lebanon, Middletown, Freehold, Minisink and Mahackenack, and Walpeck.

*In the Classis of Philadelphia,*

Spring Garden, and North and South-Hampton.

*In the Classis of Poughkeepsie,*

Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Kingston, Linlithgow, Red Hook, Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, Hyde Park, and Pleasant Plains.

*In the Classis of Ulster,*

Bloomingburgh and Mamakating, Shawangunk, New Prospect, Rochester, Warwarsing, Clove, Marbletown, Middletown, Flatbush, Esopus, and Bloomingdale.

*In the Classis of Renssellaer,*

Kinderhook, Claverack, Hillsdale, and Nassau.

*In the Classis of Albany,*

Coxsackie, Washington, Gibbonsville, Bethlehem, Coeymans, Niskeuna, Amity, 4th ward Schenectady, Basic, and Beaverdam.

*In the Classis of Washington,*

Schaghticoke, Tyashoke, Saratoga, Argyle, Wynantskill, Easton, Waterford, and Clifton Park.

*In the Classis of Montgomery,*

All the Churches, excepting Florida.

Total, of the Churches which have made no collections or contributions for the Synod, during the last year—about 107.

The Board of Corporation submit the following comparative statement of the annual receipts into the Treasury since the incorporation of General Synod, viz :

| | Collections in Churches. | From Cent Societies. | 25 Cent Donations. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 1819 to June 1820, | 509 71 | 1359 45 | | 1869 16 |
| June 1820 to June 1821, | 1674 7 | 1272 35 | 281 69 | 2828 11 |
| June 1821 to June 1822, | 2135 77 | 632 56 | 397 58 | 3165 91 |
| June 1822 to June 1823, | 552 12 | 403 32 | 740 83 | 1696 27 |
| June 1823 to June 1824, | 697 17 | 221 00 | 421 24 | 1339 41 |

From this comparative statement, it appears that the pecuniary embarrassments long since predicted by the Board of Corporation, are now fully realized by the Synod. Under the system formerly recommended by the Board, the receipts were regularly increasing, but now the receipts of two years together, under the change directed by Synod, are not equal to the proceeds of one year previous. It is the conviction of the Board of Corporation, that if the system of finance formerly recommended by them, and adopted by Synod, were revived and continued without alteration for 3 or 4 years, the General Synod would be free from embarrassment—and this consideration, it is presumed, must remove any reluctance on the part of any of our Churches to enter again on this system of collections. There can be no doubt that in several wealthy Churches in our bounds, no small amount of money has been lost, that would unquestionably have been obtained, had the former collections been continued; and of this, no better proof is requisite than a comparison of the contributions formerly made in the Churches in the City of New-York, with what is now received.

The Board of Corporation do therefore again most respectfully and earnestly recommend to the General Synod, the re-enactment of the resolutions passed in June, 1820, for the purpose of raising funds.

The Board do also apply to the General Synod for power to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Corporation by death or otherwise, during the recess of General Synod.

The Board deem it their duty to state that the Rev. Paschal N. Strong, has performed the duties of Secretary to the Board to their entire satisfaction ever since its organization; and that for the last three years, he has declined to receive any compensation for his services.

The following is the annual Digest prepared in obedience to the order of the Synod, viz:

### I. AS TO THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

The Board have received no information relative to this fund, since their last report.

### II. AS TO THE PROFESSORAL FUND.

The Board have received no information relative to this fund, since their last report.

### III. LEGACY OF THE LATE MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The Board have received no information relative to this legacy for the last four years.

### IV. INDIGENT STUDENTS.

It was stated in the last Digest that a draft of $230 from the Board of Superintendents had been issued, though it had not then been presented to the Treasurer. That draft has since been paid. Orders have been issued to the amount of about $500 which have not yet been presented to the Treasurer.

### V. PERMANENT FUND.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The amount of this fund is | | |
| In stock of the State of New-York, at 6 per cent. . . . . | $3850 00 | |
| " " United States, . . . | 3500 00 | |
| " " Corporation of N. York, | 700 00 | |
| In individual obligations, . . . . . | 4767 80 | |
| Amounting to | | $12,817 80 |
| And its annual product will be about . . . . . | | 770 00 |

### VI. COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

| | |
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| During the past year, there has been received from this source, | |
| For the Missionary and contingent funds, . . . . . | $100 45 |
| " Permanent fund, . . . . . | 52 21 |
| On the 25 cent donation, . . . . . | 421 24 |
| Other collections for the Theological College . . . . | 200 57 |

### VII. CENT SOCIETIES.

The receipts from these during the past year have been $221, of which $114 50 was for the permanent fund.

### VIII. SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE IN 1815.

Nothing has been done in relation to these subscriptions during the last year.

### IX. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for minutes during the past year, the sum of $15 75.

### X. CONTINGENT FUND.

On this fund have been received $45 46, and paid $340 98, since the last digest.

### XI. DONATION OF REV. W. ELTINGE.

The dividend on this donation amounting to $5, has been received.

### XII. DEBTS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

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| To the Salary of Professors, each due 1st June, . . . . . | $875 00 | |
| To orders of Board of superintendents, for indigent students, about . . . . . | 500 00 | |
| To cash due the Treasurer, . . . . . | 1589 78 | |
| | | $2,964 78 |

### XIII. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, FROM JUNE 1, 1824. TO JUNE 1, 1825.

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| 1. Payment of debts, as mentioned above, | $2964 78 | |
| 2. Salaries of Professors, . . . . . | 3500 00 | |
| 3. For indigent Students, in addition to what was stated in last report, . . | 500 00 | |
| 4. For contingent expenses, about . . | 300 00 | |
| | | $7264 78 |

### XIV. ESTIMATE OF *receipts* FROM JUNE 1, 1824, TO JUNE 1, 1825, TO MEET THE ABOVE EXPENSES UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

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| 1. From the Professoral fund, . . . | $600 00 |
| 2. On the Permanent fund, . . . . | 770 00 |
| 3. On Mr. Eltinge's donation, . . . . | 5 00 |
| 4. From cent societies not in aid of the Permanent fund, . . . . . | 100 00 |
| 5. From classes, for printed Minutes, . | 40 00 |

6. From the 25 cent contribution, and other collections according to arrangements now directed by Synod, $1100 00

$2615 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*
ISAAC L. KIP,
G. B. VROOM,
S. S. WOODHULL, } *Directors.*
ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, June* 2, 1824.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. John Cornelison, and Nicholas I. Marselus, and the Elder, Mr. Frederick Erringer, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation ; when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Messrs. Isaac L. Kip, Guisbert B. Vroom and the Rev. Dr. S. S. Woodhull were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Heyer was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of General Synod be, and hereby is authorized to receive a bond executed by "the Minister Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the city of New-York" to "the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church" in the penal sum of $5000 ; conditioned for the payment of $300 yearly, in half-yearly payments, towards the support of a Theological Professor, &c. bearing date 1st May, 1823, and which bond now remains with their clerk until called for by General Synod.

The door-keeper's bill for stationary and attendance, amounting to $12 75, was presented and ordered to be paid.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Correspondence.*

The Rev. Thomas M'Auley D. D. LL. D. and Mr. Benjamin Strong, Elder, being present, and having produced testimonials of their appointment, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, were invited to take their seats as Corresponding Members of this Synod.*

The subject of a correspondence with the General Association of Massachusetts, the consideration of which was referred by the last

*Dr. M'Auley, on the 6th day of the Session, was succeeded by his alternate, the Rev. Dr. Romeyn.

Synod to the present meeting, was called up, and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Jesse Fonda, and Jacob I. Schulz, and the Elder, Mr. Henry Rutgers.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the General Association of Massachusetts to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church on the subject of a correspondence to be established between the two churches beg leave to report:

That they have carefully examined the subject submitted to their consideration: and as they verily believe, with those feelings of affectionate friendship which are due to so numerous and respectable a body of Christians. The feelings of our heart prompt us to wish grace, mercy, and peace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ; and to extend to them our individual and our ecclesiastical fellowship, so far as can consist with a due regard to mutual comfort and edification. Your Committee are however deeply impressed with a belief that churches in extending their fellowship and correspondence, ought if possible, to ascertain whether there is such an harmony of sentiment in relation to doctrines and ecclesiastical order, as will enable the corresponding churches by attendance in each other's councils, to promote edification, to confirm each other in the belief of the truth, and to support each other in maintaining the government of God's house.

To these particulars therefore, your Committee have paid special attention as necessary to be investigated before they could be prepared to express an opinion as to the propriety and expediency of the proposed correspondence—and they beg leave to state, as the result of their inquiries, that although confessions and creeds which we readily acknowledge to be excellent forms of sound words, were formerly adopted as the standards of those churches, yet your Committee have not been able to ascertain that they are at present used as bonds of ecclesiastical union, and that subscription to them, as an expression of the faith of their ministers and their churches, is now demanded; so that on this interesting point your Committee have not been able to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion.

On the subject of their church government, your Committee are possessed of all the necessary information to enable them to state to Synod, that it does not even in its leading features, accord with the system which we have adopted as laid down in the word of God, and that consequently, in the administration of the government of the respective churches, little, if any aid would be afforded by opening

a correspondence, and securing a representation in each other's judicatures. Your Committee, upon a view of the whole subject, have not been able to discover that the advantages to be expected from such a correspondence, are likely to exceed the inconvenience which may possibly, and the expense which will certainly be incurred by it. They accordingly recommend to Synod, to decline the appointment of a Committee of conference, to agree on terms of correspondence as proposed in the communication referred to them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE FONDA, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the Rev. John Knox, one of the Delegates appointed by Synod, to attend the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

The undersigned, appointed by Synod at its last meeting, a Delegate to attend the meeting of the German Reformed Synod of September, 1823,

*Reports*, That he attended the Meeting of said Synod in Baltimore, in September last, and that he was received and treated with Christian courtesy and kindness.

Your Delegate had to regret that the engagements of his colleague, Mr. Dewitt, in consequence of his relation to the Theological School, prevented him from meeting with the German Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KNOX.

The Rev. Dr. Jacob Brodhead, a Delegate appointed to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of May, 1824, transmitted to Synod the following Report:

*Philadelphia, June 7th*, 1824.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in Session, New-York.

Dear Brethren,

The undersigned has the honour to state, that agreeably to the appointment of the Synod of 1823, he has attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in this city, whose session closed this day. Your Delegate was present every day with the exception of the time necessarily occupied in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School at New-Brunswick. He regrets that neither of the Elders appointed, appeared in the Assembly.

J. BRODHEAD.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Jesse Fonda and Jacob Larzalere, be appointed Delegates from this Synod, to attend the next stated meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, and that the Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, and Dr. James S. Cannon be their Secundi.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, and the Elder Mr. John Frelinghuysen, be delegates *Primarii*, and the Rev. Thomas Dewitt, and the Elder Mr. Frederic Erringer, be Delegates *Secundi*, to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to be convened in Philadelphia in May next.

*Resolved*, That the stated Clerk of this Synod transmit to the stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, forty copies of the Minutes of Synod, for distribution among the Synods of said Church.

The Commitee on Correspondence brought in the following report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, That nothing has come before them.

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Synodical Reports on the State of the Churches.*

The Committee on the state of religion reported, and their report was *adopted*, and is as follows :—

In taking a view of the dealings of heaven toward us during the past year, your Committee have deemed it to be their duty to call the attention of General Synod to some of those benevolent institutions which adorn the age in which we live, and which have been more or less patronised by our churches for the salvation of the world.

Pre-eminent among these is the American Bible Society.

Our Reformed Church has not been backward in hailing the rise and blessing the progress of that grand national institution which sends forth the Bible without note or comment to the destitute, and whose field of operation is the world. In its successful career we exceedingly rejoice, and offer our fervent supplication to Almighty God that it may continue to move forward under the smiles of his Providence with growing strength and glory.

The United Foreign Missionary Society, though labouring under severe pecuniary difficulties, has nevertheless carried with success the banner of Jesus Christ, to the aboriginal inhabitants of our country. When we contemplate the situation of the native tribes, driven from station to station—melting before the white population, and the remnant of them now lying like Lazarus at our very doors,

hard must be the heart that does not feel for their situation, and contracted the hand which is not stretched out for their relief. Of their helpless misery our church has not been an idle spectator. Many of our congregations have acted promptly, and some of them nobly in this generous cause. We trust that that spirit is not only unbroken, but determined to go forward. In doing so it has great encouragement, and shall in no wise lose its reward.

He who has said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," will hold in everlasting remembrance the oil and the wine, and even the cup of cold water administered in his name. Whilst attempts are thus making to pour light upon the heathen, the descendants of Abraham have not been forgotten. That wonderful people dispersed among the nations, every where on fire and yet not consumed, have recently excited the sympathies, and called forth in no ordinary degree the counsels, the exertions, and the prayers of the church of God in our land.

The First Society, contemplating the melioration of their condition, originated in one of your own consistories in this city, and was patronized by the classis of New York. That society has since merged itself into one of larger dimensions, which has become a body corporate in law, and is prosecuting the objects of its institution, with industry and zeal. That society has been viewed by many of our churches with great, and we hope we shall be enabled hereafter to add, with very growing attention.

On the concerns of that interesting branch of the church of Christ, with which we are more immediately connected, your Committee have to state, that whilst many things have occurred during the past year of a very cheering description, there are others of opposite character, and deeply to be deplored.

Among those of cheering description we take notice of the situation and prospects of our Theological College.

Thirteen young men of approved piety and talents, and well versed in sacred literature, are ready to be sent forth to supply our vacancies, to build up our waste places, and to form new congregations in our destitute settlements. Never has our school of the prophets assumed a more interesting appearance than at the present hour; and those who have contributed of their substance to encourage and bless the institution, are amply repaid in the fruit it is producing, as well as in the prospect of future and unutterable blessings to the church of God, to be yielded by it to thousands now living, and to thousands yet unborn.

The operations also of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, with its auxiliaries, afford subject matter of mutual

congratulation. When our young men leave the seminary they are taken by the hand, have fields of labour pointed out for their enterprise, and are furnished, so far as circumstances will admit, with the means of becoming immediately and extensively useful.

Your Missionary Society is thus rendered subservient to the interests of your seminary, to the welfare of your licentiates, and to the good of the community at large.

If our churches were generally aware of the incalculable good to be effected by prompt and energetic aid afforded to this institution, we are persuaded that they would all become cheerful and liberal contributors to its funds. In the city of New-York beside the parent society, a female, and young men's missionary society auxiliary have recently been organized, and are now in successful operation.

Although there have been but few instances of special revival within our bounds during the past year, yet by the great Head of the church we have neither been forsaken nor forgotten. Your Committee have been apprised by a minister, now a member of this Synod, that a revival of religion has taken place in at least three congregations in the Classis of Washington. Numbers, especially of the aged, have already been added to the church, and the prospect is promising that many more will be gathered, as trophies of the power of sovereign grace. In the congregation of Nassau, in the Classis of Rensselaer, there exists an unusual attention to divine things and the cases of conversion, though few in number, have been strongly marked. In the church at Cattskill there is also an unusual excitement among the children and youth. In the Classis of Long Island there is much to encourage, and pleasing anticipations are cherished of approaching times of refreshment, from the presence of the Lord. In other districts of country within our bounds, many have been added to our churches, and it is humbly trusted to the Lord. In the city of New-York three new congregations have been organized, one of which is for people of colour, and all are in hopeful progress. A new congregation has also been organized within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery. In a very large proportion of our church the word of God has been faithfully preached, and the Heidelberg catechism regularly explained, and devoutly attended—discipline maintained—prayer meetings instituted—catechetical instruction given—family visitation performed, and these generally connected with the precious fruits of harmony and good order.

We are happy also to state that in many of our churches Bible classes have been instituted for improvement in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures—that our more advanced youth are anxious to be instructed in this manner, and that their number and zeal appear to be increasing.

Whilst your Committee thus advert, with delight, to things prosperous in our churches, faithfulness requires that they should also notice such as are of an opposite character. The unhappy *secession* which has taken place in our church still exists, and there is reason to apprehend that no small pains have been taken to increase and extend the disaffection. In some instances the nearest and dearest friends have been separated from each other, and kept separate when they ought to have been united in the most holy affection. We forbear to enter into all the causes of this state of things. We deeply lament its existence. Our whole church mourns over strife so unnecessary, so unnatural, so unrelenting, and so injurious to the Redeemer's name and cause, at the same time that it looks to Him, who is the living witness and the Judge of all, who has all hearts in his hand, and who holds the helm of universal government, to reconcile, if it be his will, these jarring elements, these conflicting passions, and to say to this stormy sea, "Peace, be still." Your Committee hear the affectionate, the expostulatory and controling voice of their Saviour, charging his disciples, particularly at this time—to take heed to what they do, to avoid offences, and to love one another. They trust that voice will be heard, and that those who are more immediately addressed by it will be still and know that he is God. In addition to this cause of mourning, we have also to regret the apparent lukewarmness of many professors of religion in the midst of us.

In an era like the present, and when so much excitement exists both at home and abroad, what must we think of those who living only for themselves, or for the world, are folding their arms with entire, or next to entire apathy, in the cause of God our Saviour? Truly, many will come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of God—but what will become of the unbelieving children of the kingdom? We shudder at the thought: Jesus Christ himself has forewarned us of their doom, and his words are calculated to strike home to the hardest heart terror and dismay.

In closing this report your Committee would regret that the injunctions of General Synod of the last year, in relation to statistical reports, have been so extensively neglected. It appears that a large proportion of congregations have failed to forward any statistical reports whatsoever, and that the reports of others are extremely barren and defective, especially in religious intelligence. To remedy this evil some new and energetic measure on the part of General Synod appears to be imperiously demanded.

On a review of this whole subject your Committee beg leave to offer for the adoption of General Synod the following resolutions, viz.

*Resolved*—1st. That it be earnestly recommended to all our classes and congregations to form missionary societies auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church located in the city of New-York, and to forward the contributions that may be raised with all practicable diligence to Mr. Cornelius Heyer, treasurer of the same.

*Resolved*—2d. That it be earnestly recommended to all our churches to cherish a holy concern for, and to afford liberal aid to those general institutions for the diffusion of the Gospel, which have been noticed in this report.

*Resolved*—3d. That it be earnestly recommended to all the pastors of our churches, that, in connexion with the usual catechetical instruction, they institute Bible classes under their own immediate superintendance, for the instruction of persons more advanced in Biblical knowledge.

*Resolved*—4th. That it be enjoined upon all the classes under the care of this General Synod to take prompt and efficient measures for obtaining from their congregations statistical reports more perfect, than have hitherto in many instances been rendered.

All which is respectfully submitted,

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Synodical Appeals.*

The appeal of Mr. Lauren Ford, from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, approving the decision of the Classis of Montgomery, declaring that "it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of Mr. Ford and others, for the organization of a Reformed Dutch Church in the village of Herkimer," was taken up and considered.

*The appeal, the reasons of the appeal, and all the documents in the case were read.*

*The appellant was heard.*

*The Rev. John F. Schemerhorn, a delegate of the Classis of Montgomery, was heard, in defence of the decision of the Particular Synod.*

*The appellant was heard in reply.*

Synod then proceeded to *deliberate* and *decide* upon the appeal, excluding from a vote, all those members of the Classis of Montgomery and of the Particular Synod of Albany, who had formerly voted in the case.

The following resolution was then submitted, viz.

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Mr. Lauren Ford be, and hereby is sustained, and that the Classis of Montgomery be, and hereby are enjoined, forthwith to organize into a distinct Dutch Church, those persons who have petitioned that Classis for such organization.

The question being taken, the resolution was decided in the *affirmative.*

*Resolved*, That the stated clerk of Synod be directed to request the stated clerk of the Classis of Montgomery to convene the said Classis on the third Wednesday of July, for the purpose contemplated above.

"The appeal of Messrs. Cornelius C. Cooper and Cornelius Myers, from the decision of the Classis of Paramus, refusing to conform to the resolution of General Synod of June last, ordering said Classis to depose the Consistories of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, referred by the Particular Synod of New-York, to this Synod," was taken up and considered.

The *reasons of appeal*, and all the other documents in the case, were read.

The *appellants* were heard.

The Rev. John I. Chrystie was heard in *defence* of the decision of the Classis.

The *appellants* were heard (by the Rev. W. Eltinge, as their counsel) *in reply*.

The whole subject was then referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Milledoler, Rev. Messrs. Schoonmaker and Cuyler, and the elders, Messrs. Frelinghuysen and Rutgers.—Rev. Dr. Cannon and Mr. Field, and the elder Mr. J. R. Bleeker, were afterwards added to the committee.

The committee reported, and their report was *adopted*, as follows :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Messrs. Cornelius C. Cooper and Cornelius Myers, from the decision of the Classis of Paramus, report,

That they have carefully considered the case committed to them, and recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That although the conduct of the Classis of Paramus, in not complying with the injunction of General Synod in this case, can never be justified as a general principle, yet that peculiarities have existed in the case, which convince this Synod that they have not acted in the premises from a spirit of insubordination, but from a

sincere desire to promote the best interests of the churches under their care.

2. *Resolved*, That the appeal of Messrs. Cooper and Myers, from the decision of the Classis of Paramus, be and hereby is, sustained.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod, anxiously desirous to remove out of the way every thing opposed to peace and godliness in the churches of that region, and if possible, restore to them harmony and good order, will appoint a commission to visit said churches for the above purpose, confer with the Classis of Paramus, and, if found necessary and practicable, ordain new consistories.

4. *Resolved*, That the Classis of Paramus be required to meet at Hackensack, on the first Tuesday of July next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. to confer with such commission as General Synod shall appoint.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Drs. Philip Milledoler, James S. Cannon, and John Knox ; and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas De Witt, Jacob Sickles, Jesse Fonda, Cornelius C. Cuyler, John Ludlow, Jacob Schoonmaker, Cornelius D. Westbrook, and David S. Bogart, and the elders, Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Jacob R. Hardenburgh, Isaac Hyer, James C. Roosevelt, John Frelinghuysen, and Henry Rutgers, compose said commission.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MILLEDOLER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the chairman of the committee appointed by the adoption of the above report, be directed to preach at the time of the meeting of said committee with the Classis of Paramus, and that the Rev. David S. Bogart be his secundus.

*Resolved*, That the stated clerk be directed to notify the members of the committee not now upon the floor of Synod, of their appointment, and also, to notify the Classis of Paramus of the appointment of such committee, and of the time of their meeting.

*Resolved*, That the stated clerk transmit a copy of the preceding report to the consistories of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh.

*Resolved*, That any *five* of the commission appointed to meet with the Classis of Paramus, regularly convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

In relation to the appeal of the Classis of Montgomery, (See Art. 8.) the Rev. J. F. Schemerhorn gave the following notice, viz.

"*To the President of General Synod.*

Reverend Sir, I hereby give notice to General Synod, that I shall not prosecute the appeal of the Classis of Montgomery from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, in the case of the Rev. Isaac S. Ketcham; because, whatever may be the decision of General Synod in the case, it can have no effect in future, as Synod have determined that a new congregation is to be organized in Herkimer.

In behalf of the Classis of Montgomery,

J. F. SCHEMERHORN."

# CLASSICAL REPORTS.

## *PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.*

### CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| New-York | Dr. G. A. Kuypers<br>Dr. P. Milledoler<br>Dr. John Knox<br>Paschal N. Strong | | | 901 | 19 | 7 | *66 | 1 | 13 | 848 | 3 | 75 |
| Garden-street | Dr. J. M. Mathews | 200 | 1000 | 296 | 28 | 6 | 11 | | 1 | 318 | 5 | 50 |
| Brooklyn | Dr. S. S. Woodhull | | | | | | | | | | | |
| German Reformed | No Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market-street | Dr. Wm. M'Murray | 220 | | 208 | 40 | 31 | 3 | | 2 | 274 | 11 | 44 |
| Greenwich | N. I. Marselus | 135 | 712 | | 14 | 18 | 8 | | 3 | 201 | 2 | 44 |
| North-West | George Dubois | 175 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bloomingdale | Dr. Alexander Gunn | 46 | | 40 | 13 | 2 | 7 | | 3 | 45 | | |
| Haerlem | C. C. Vermeule | 65 | | 42 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 44 | 3 | 12 |
| Fordham | John F. Jackson | 40 | | 28 | 2 | | 2 | | | 28 | | 13 |
| Tarry Town and Union Ville | Thomas G. Smith | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Courtlandt Town | Abraham Hofiman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staten Island | Peter I. Van Pelt | 212 | 856 | | | | | | | 187 | | 29 |
| Tompkinsville | John E. Miller | | | 17 | 7 | 1 | | | | 25 | | |
| Houston-street | No Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broome-street | Robert M'Lean | | | | | | | | | | | |
| African D. Church | No Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |

* N. B. A large majority of the Members dismissed has been to three new Churches, lately organized in this city.

Mark Jordan is a licenciate of this Classis, and preaches to the Congregation of coloured people.

## CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| New-Brunswick | Isaac Ferris | 300 | 1500 | 264 | 18 | 11 | 3 | | 9 | 281 | 5 | 19 |
| Raritan | No Pastor | 227 | 1587 | 373 | 24 | 13 | 9 | 5 | | 405 | | |
| Six-Mile-Run | Dr. J. S. Cannon | 142 | 860 | 187 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 186 | 3 | 18 |
| Bedminster | Isaac M. Fisher | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hillsborough | John L. Zabriskie | 95 | 600 | | 17 | 5 | | 7 | | | 2 | 36 |
| Rockaway and | Jacob I. Schultz | 72 | 420 | 91 | 12 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 1 | 19 |
| Lebanon | | 140 | 738 | 131 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 138 | | 19 |
| Middletown and Freehold | S. A. Van Vranken | 158 | 850 | 111 | 12 | | | 1 | 4 | 118 | 4 | |
| Spotswood | John M'Clure | 78 | 340 | | | | | | | 20 | | |
| Minisink and | C. C. Eltinge | 120 | | 89 | 11 | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 92 | 2 | 56 |
| Mahakemack | | 112 | | 119 | 14 | | 13 | 4 | 7 | 113 | 2 | 80 |
| Walpeck | James G. Force | | | 42 | 5 | | | | 5 | 42 | 5 | 125 |

The Reports from Minisink, Mahakemack, and Walpeck, are for four years.

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Bergen | John Cornelison | 163 | 740 | | 19 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 16 | 208 | 4 | 124 |
| E. Neighbourhood | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hackensack and Schraalenburgh | J. V. C. Romeyn | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belville | S. Van Santvoord | 115 | 620 | 76 | 3 | 7 | 6 | | 1 | 81 | | 23 |
| Pompton Plains | Ava Neal | 170 | 1100 | 100 | 7 | 1 | | | 2 | 106 | | 23 |
| Pompton | Jacob T. Field | 150 | | 75 | 5 | 2 | | | 2 | 80 | 1 | 30 |
| Fair Field | Herman B. Stryker | 189 | 1049 | 75 | 4 | | 4 | | 3 | 75 | 1 | 24 |
| Ponds | | *8 | 410 | | 11 | | | | 4 | 30 | | 18 |
| Stone-House Plains | | 140 | 700 | 33 | 10 | | | | 4 | 39 | | 135 |
| Preakness | | 60 | 380 | 46 | | | | | 5 | 46 | | 12 |
| Wyckoff | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* These reports are manifestly in several cases incorrect. They are here presented as they are found in the Minutes of the Particular Synod.

Rev. John Duryea and Peter Stryker without charges.

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Tappan and | Nicholas Lansing | 181 | 876 | | 23 | 7 | 7 | | 16 | 211 | 5 | 98 |
| Clarkstown | | 189 | 918 | | 122 | 6 | 19 | 2 | 15 | 252 | 1 | 165 |
| Saddle River | Stephen Goetschius | 126 | 610 | | | | | | | 158 | 2 | 26 |
| Paramus and | Wilhelmus Eltinge | 170 | 1028 | 178 | 39 | 9 | 1 | | 6 | 219 | | 100 |
| Totowa | | 179 | 1125 | 71 | 43 | 4 | 2 | | 6 | 110 | 7 | 80 |
| Warwick | John I. Chrystie | 75 | | 77 | 33 | 10 | 18 | | 9 | 93 | 15 | 55 |

The Report for Paramus is for four years.

## CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
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| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| New-Utrecht | John Beattie | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gravesend and Flatlands | M. Schoonmaker | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatbush | T. M. Strong | 130 | 1150 | | 21 | 11 | 4 | | | 120 | | 19 |
| Bushwick | John Bassett | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica and | J. Schoonmaker | 110 | 700 | 92 | 1 | | 2 | | | 93 | | 22 |
| Newtown | | 85 | 550 | 87 | 4 | 1 | | | | 91 | | 10 |
| Success | Z. H. Kuypers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Hempstead | David S. Bogart | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oyster Bay | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

No Report.

## *PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.*

## CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Caughnawaga | Abrm. Van Horne | 275 | | 270 | | | | | | | | 70 |
| Herkimer | John P. Spinner | 94 | | 302 | 28 | | 12 | 8 | 5 | 395 | | 39 |
| German Flats | John P. Spinner | 107 | | 262 | 13 | | 1 | 2 | 12 | 290 | | 31 |
| 1st Ch. Charlestown. | J. R H. Hasbrook | 120 | | 45 | | | | | 1 | | | 10 |
| Canajoharie | J. R H. Hasbrook | 130 | | 60 | | | | | 2 | | | 40 |
| Middlebergh | John F. Schemerhorn | 95 | | 115 | 17 | | 1 | | 1 | 130 | | 6 |
| Cato | David R. De Freast | 45 | | 24 | | | | | | | | 28 |
| Ovid | | 85 | | 55 | 2 | | | | | 57 | | 17 |
| Owasco | Conrad Ten Eyck | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandbeach | Conrad Ten Eyck | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Summit | | | | | | | | | | 32 | | 11 |
| Brackerbin | | | | | | | | | | 33 | | |
| Florida | Peter P. Rouse | 230 | 1450 | 120 | 20 | 8 | 3 | | 7 | 130 | 2 | 25 |
| Broome | Winslow Page | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blenheim | Winslow Page | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Windham | Winslow Page | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oppenheim | David Devoe | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbia | John Rawls | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Rhinebeck | Isaac Labagh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manheim | Isaac S. Ketcham | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schoharie | Paul Wiedman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beach Woods | Garret Mandeville | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Vacant Congregations*, from which no report has been received.—Sharon, Middletown, Westerlo, Union, Mayfield, 2d Church of Charleston, Western allotment of Kingsborough, Osquack, Danube, Indian Castle, Schoharie Mountain, Le Ray, 2d Church of Oppenheim, Fondas Bush, Johnstown.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Rec'd | | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | On confession. | On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | | Adults. | Infants. |
| Montgomery | Jesse Fonda | 330 | 2014 | 442 | 27 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 457 | | 1 | 68 |
| New Paltz | Wm. R. Bogardus | 209 | 1250 | 157 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 155 | | 1 | 46 |
| New Hurley | | 157 | 920 | 117 | 8 | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 118 | | 1 | 36 |
| Shawangunk | A. D. Wilson | 220 | 1432 | | 8 | 3 | 5 | | 3 | 135 | | 1 | 44 |
| New Prospect | | 72 | 461 | | 5 | | | | 2 | 59 | | | 18 |
| Rochester | James Murphy | 230 | 1624 | 74 | 18 | 3 | | | 4 | 91 | | | |
| Warwarsing | | 153 | 1064 | 57 | 24 | 2 | | | 5 | 78 | | | |
| Marbletown | John H. Carle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hurley | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shokan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatbush | Peter A. Overbagh | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Berea | J. B. Ten Eyck | 97 | 500 | | 27 | 13 | 2 | | 4 | 67 | | 5 | 47 |
| Saugerties | H. Ostrander | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Vacant Congregations.*—Bloomingburg, Mamakating, Clove, Ashokan, Woodstock, Middletown, Esopus, Bloomingdale.

## CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Rec'd | | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | On confession. | On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | | Adults. | Infants. |
| 1st Ch. Albany | John Ludlow | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2d Ch. Albany | | 184 | 900 | 218 | 37 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 22 | 235 | | 4 | 37 |
| Coxsackie | Gilbert R. Livingston | 240 | 1700 | 509 | 71 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 542 | | 12 | 161 |
| Washington | R. Bronk | 70 | 340 | | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 42 | | | 5 |
| Gibbonsville | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schenectady | Jacob Van Vechten | | | | | | | | | | | 28 | 150 |
| Beaverdam | Cornelius Bogardus | 114 | 609 | 146 | 27 | 2 | | 10 | 5 | 158 | | 5 | 35 |
| Basick | Abrm. Fort | 72 | 400 | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 47 | | 2 | 11 |
| Niskeuna | Thos. Romeyn | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coeymans | Samuel Kissam | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethlehem | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guilderland | —— Van Housen | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jerusalem | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Vacant Congregations*, from whom no reports have been received.—Boght, 2d Church of Rotterdam, Helderbergh, 1st Church of Glenville, 2d Church of Glenville, Oakhill.

## CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Kinderhook | Jacob I. Sickles | | | 552 | | | | | | | | |
| Claverack | Richard Sluyter | 215 | 1352 | 427 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 436 | 1 | 60 |
| Hillsdale | J. G. Gebhart | 61 | 734 | 91 | 7 | | 1 | | | 97 | 2 | 9 |
| Greenbush | Benjn. C. Taylor | 180 | 1220 | 202 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 199 | | 18 |
| Bloomingrove | | 110 | 660 | 96 | 4 | 1 | | | 2 | 101 | 1 | 17 |
| Catskill | Isaac N. Wyckoff | 229 | 1458 | 208 | 16 | | 3 | 6 | | 215 | 1 | 45 |
| Nassau | James Romeyn | 132 | | 173 | 11 | | 2 | | 4 | 178 | | 15 |
| Ghent | Peter S. Wynkoop | 100 | | 136 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 156 | 2 | 26 |
| Schodack | Vacant | 164 | 954 | 136 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 139 | 1 | 33 |

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Poughkeepsie | Cornelius C. Cuyler | | | 333 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 336 | 1 | 9 |
| Hopewell | Thomas De Witt | 90 | 600 | 147 | 12 | 1 | 4 | | 2 | 154 | | 12 |
| New Hackensack | | 110 | 760 | 158 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 158 | 1 | 6 |
| Fishkill landing | Wm. S. Heyer | | | 26 | 12 | 37 | | 1 | | 75 | 1 | 17 |
| Kingston | John Gosman | 280 | 1760 | 344 | 9 | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 343 | | 42 |
| Rhinebeck Flats | David Parker | 179 | 1000 | 170 | 11 | | | 1 | 3 | 177 | 1 | 28 |
| Redhook | Andrew N. Kittle | | | 117 | 6 | | 4 | | | 119 | 1 | 22 |
| Linlithgow | | | | 103 | 7 | | 3 | 2 | 3 | 102 | 2 | 26 |
| Fishkill | C. D. Westbrook | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenbush | Herman Kedder | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taghkanick | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hyde Park | F. H. Vanderveer | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Plains | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total now in Communion. | Adults. | Infants. |
| Argyle | Vacant | 68 | 325 | 19 | 9 | 10 | | | | 38 | 2 | 9 |
| Fort Miller | Isaac A. Van Hook | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Easton | Jacob D. Fonda | 56 | | 16 | 20 | | 1 | | 2 | 33 | 9 | 7 |
| Union Village | | 76 | 400 | 56 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 70 | 10 | 14 |
| Waterford | Maurice W. Dwight | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saratoga | Philip Duryea | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northumberland | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tyashoke | Abraham I. Switz | 55 | 275 | | 4 | | | | | 38 | 1 | 5 |
| Schaghticoke | | 66 | 330 | | 3 | | | | 3 | 117 | | 14 |
| Johnsburgh | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilton | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wynants' Kill | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |

### ARTICLE VIII.

*Synodical References.*

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes Report :—

That they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods, and find,

I. On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, the following reference to General Synod, claiming the attention of this body. It is in the words following, viz :—" An appeal signed by Cornelius C. Cooper and Cornelius Myer, from the decision of the Classis of Paramus, respecting the secession of Dr. Fraeligh, was presented.

*Resolved*, That the appeal taken from the decision of the Classis of Paramus, in refusing to conform to the resolution of General Synod, of June last, ordering them to depose the consistories of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, be referred to the next General Synod."

II. On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. On the Minutes of the Classis of Montgomery.—The Rev. C. Ten Eyck asked what he should do in the case of those members of his Church who had seceded, and have been organized into a new Church by the deposed Ministers of the Classis of Montgomery.

*Resolved*, That the above question be referred to the General Synod, through the medium of the Particular Synod of Albany for their answer.

2. On the Minutes of the Classis of Washington, the following: "Whereas difficulties have arisen, and continue to arise, in our Churches in relation to a canon of our Church, passed in 1816, declaring it to be unlawful for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister; and whereas the interests of the Church at large would be promoted by a modification of said canon—therefore,

*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Classis, that the said canon be so amended, as to leave all questions arising under the said canon to the different Classes, within whose bounds the same may, from time to time, be presented for consideration.

*Resolved*, That the delegates from this Classis to Particular and General Synods be instructed to use all their influence to procure said amendment."

3. "On the Minutes of the Classis of Rensselaer, advice was asked, in the case of a member of the Church who habitually neglected the Lord's Supper, assigning as the reason, that he did not believe he had ever been wrought upon by the power of God to salvation, and who, though not venturing into any immoralities, which would subject to discipline, does not exhibit any one trait of conduct or sentiment peculiar to the people of God.

*Resolved*, For the sake of the importance of the principles involved in its correction and results, the frequent recurrence of similar cases, and the benefits that will result from a decision on the subject from the higher judicatories of the Church, that it be referred to Particular Synod for their advice or authority."

The above subjects were all referred by Particular Synod to General Synod.

4. "An appeal of the Rev. I. S. Ketcham from the following resolution of Classis:—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Classis, the Rev. I. S. Ketcham has interfered in an unconstitutional manner in the pastoral concerns of the Rev. J. P. Spinner, previous to the first Wednesday of October last, when the Classis laid the injunction on Mr. Ketcham to abstain from all ministerial services in the congregations of Herkimer and German Flats.

The Synod, after having heard the appellant and the respondent, and all the documents in the case,

*Resolved*, That the appeal of the Rev. I. S. Ketcham be sustained.

The Rev. J. F. Schemerhorn gave notice that he appealed from the above decision to the next General Synod."

5. "*Resolved*, That it be requested of General Synod to take into consideration the propriety of altering the present mode of choosing the superintendents of our Theological College; and that instead of electing them, as now practised, by taking five from each of the particular Synods, and five from the board of Trustees of Queen's College, two be elected from each of the Classes under the care of Synod, and that six shall be a quorum to transact the business devolving on said board of Superintendents."

6. "An appeal of L. Ford, Esq. from the following resolution of Classis, on an application of himself and others for the organization of a Reformed Dutch Church in the village of Herkimer.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The appeal of Mr. Ford, as presented in the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes, was considered. All the documents in the case were read: the appellant, as also the representative of the Classis of Montgomery, the Rev. J. F. Schemerhorn, were heard. The following resolution was then offered, and decided in the negative, viz.

*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained.

Mr. Ford gave notice that he appealed from the above decision to the next General Synod."

CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That so much of the above report as relates to the reference by the Classis of Washington on the subject of the marriage of a deceased wife's sister, be referred to a Special Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Schoonmaker, Westbrook and Field, and the Elders Messrs. Erringer, and Nevius, were appointed such committee.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report as relates to the advice asked by the Classis of Rensselaer be referred to a Special Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Beattie, Ludlow, and Rouse, and the Elders, Messrs. Hopper and Egberts were appointed the committee. Rev. P. N. Strong was afterwards added to this committee.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report as respects the advice asked by the Rev. C. Ten Eyck be referred to a committee.

Rev. C. C. Cuyler, Dr. James S. Cannon, and the Elder Mr. J. Frelinghuysen were appointed the committee.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report as relates to the change contemplated in the mode of choosing the Board of Superintendents, be referred to the committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Overtures brought in the following report which was accepted.

The Committee on Overtures, to whom the communication of Martin G. Schuneman was referred, Report—that they find nothing in said communication requiring the attention of Synod.

By order of the committee,

C. BOGARDUS.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Church Government.*

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Rev. C. Ten Eyck for advice, (See Art. 8. p. 43) brought in the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the subject of the advice requested by the Rev. Conrad Ten Eyck, report,

That it is an established principle in Church Government, that the relation subsisting between a Church and its members, can be dissolved only by death or dismission, or an act of discipline. Withdrawing, is therefore out of the question. These members of the Rev. Mr. Ten Eyck's charge are therefore to be considered as subject to the authority of the Church from which they have seceded, and are to be dealt with according to the laws of God's house. The consistory however, ought to proceed with prudence and tenderness in the case, that, if possible, gainsayers may be put to silence.

C. C. CUYLER, *Chairman.*

The Committee to whom the application for advice by the classis of Rensselaer, was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the question proposed by the Classis of Rensselaer, as touching the case of a member of the Church who habitually neglects the Lord's Supper, assigning as the reason that he did not believe he had ever been wrought upon by the power of God to salvation, and who though not venturing to any immoralities which would subject to discipline, does not exhibit one trait of conduct or sentiment peculiar to the people of God, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the matter submitted to them, and they are decidedly of opinion that it is wholly inexpedient for this Synod to legislate upon abstract questions, and they therefore recommend for adoption, the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That this Synod do not consider it proper to express their opinion in the case, and leave the Classis to adopt such mea-

sures in accordance with the discipline of the Church, as in their wisdom they may think proper.

All which is submitted.

JOHN BEATTIE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted by Synod :

*Resolved*, That every Classis under the care of the Synod enjoin it on the consistories of our congregations, not to admit Students of Theology, or any other persons, not duly licensed, to preach, lecture, or publicly expound the Scriptures.

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon all the Classes to conform to the resolution passed June 1815, by appointing a Standing Committee in each Classis, and to have the annual report of such committee recorded in the minutes of Classis.

The resolution referred to is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is enjoined upon all the Classes, under the care of this Synod, to appoint standing committees, whose duty it shall be to guard against the introduction of unsound doctrines, into our vacant congregations, by Ministers, or candidates from Churches, which are known to hold or tolerate sentiments inconsistent with the standards of the Reformed Dutch Church ; and further, that the respective Classes be hereby directed to enjoin upon the consistories of vacant congregations under their care, not to employ the Ministers or candidates of Churches, circumstanced as above mentioned, until they have consulted with the standing committee of the Classis to which they belong, and have obtained their consent.

## ARTICLE X.

### *Doctrines and Morals.*

The following Memorial, the consideration of which was referred by the last Synod to the present session, was called up and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Labagh, Chrystie, and Westbrook, and the Elders Messrs. Erringer and Van Nest.

The memorial of Cornelius Bogardus and Christian Miller, members of the Classis of Albany, to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, on the subject of difficulties which have occurred in that Classis, nearly touching the interests of the truth in general, and the prosperity of the Theological School in particular.

Your Memorialists would respectfully represent to your Reverend body, that a young gentleman by the name of Mr. Searl, a student in

Theology under the Rev. Dr. Yates, did in the year 1821 begin to lecture in the vacant church and congregation of Rotterdam, that in the course of some months after, Mr. Searl applied to an association of ministers, it is believed in Vermont, or in the northern part of this State, and obtained licensure as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, that having secured the affections of the church and congregation of Rotterdam, he received their call, which having been approved by the Classis of Albany, he agreed to accept: that upon his examination, although he appeared well qualified in the main, yet in the opinion of your memorialists, he proved deficient in several important points in theology, which are particularly stated in the protests of your memorialists entered by them on the Minutes of the Classis of Albany against the Resolution of the Classis sustaining the examination of Mr. Searl. They also beg leave to direct the attention of the Synod to the report made on this subject, by the Deputatus Synodi from the Classis of Rensselaer, to the particular Synod of Albany,—which report is entered on the Minutes of the particular Synod.

They further beg leave to state, that although the Classis was advised by the Deputatus to stay proceedings in the case, and that he felt it to be his duty to make a communication on the subject of Mr. Searl's deficiencies, to the Particular Synod, the Classis persisted in their purpose of ordaining Mr. Searl forthwith, and did accordingly ordain him over the church of Rotterdam, some time in April last.

As the Particular Synod of Albany appear to have declined acting in the case, and as a door has thus been opened by which manifest deviations from the doctrines of the Church have been permitted to enter, your Memorialists would respectfully suggest, that if the Synod do not arrest these deviations at the outset, they will pervade the whole Church, and endanger its harmony and prosperity,—and that unless such evasions of our regulations in regard to the Theological Seminary, be seasonably and efficiently met and prevented, its interests will be materially injured, and the important ends which the Church has so wisely contemplated in its formation, will be defeated.

Your Memorialists humbly solicit your Reverend body, to take this case into its prayerful and solemn consideration, and adopt such measures on the subject, as in its wisdom it may deem proper.

Your Memorialists have been constrained by a painful sense of the duty which they owe the Church, and above all, the cause of the truth of Christ, to make this statement.

CORNELIUS BOGARDUS,
CHRISTIAN MILLER.

The Committee to whom the preceding document was referred, brought in the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee is aware of the delicate nature, as well as the great importance of the subject committed to them ; and while your Committee desires to respect the rights of individuals, they cannot for one moment admit the suspicion of unfaithfulness in the lower judicatories without sufficient evidence.

The Synod possesses no official information on the subject of the grievance complained of, and it is a subject of regret that the Classis of Albany have not something of an official nature presented to this house, to meet the memorial and protest exhibited against them.

The subject, however, is one which has extensively engaged the attention of the churches, and produced no inconsiderable excitement : and it now becomes the Synod to arrest the farther progress of this dissatisfaction, as well as the causes of it, whether real or supposed.

Your Committee are of opinion, that this Synod cannot consistently censure the Classis of Albany, for its reception of a Licentiate from our congregational brethren, since no regulation of the Synod, forbidding such reception, is known to exist.

The Committee, however, would respectfully suggest to the Synod the adoption of some resolution, calculated to allay the feelings of many on this subject, and to make such inquiries from him who is the subject of this grievance, as will present to this Synod a definite view of his real sentiments on these points of doctrine, on which he has been declared to be deficient. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*,—That the Classis of Albany, be and hereby are directed, to require of Mr. Searl, a full and explicit statement in writing, of his views and opinions on the following points of doctrine, and that they report the same to this Synod at its next stated meeting :—

1. The Eternal Sonship of the second person of the adorable Trinity.

2. The Imputation of the guilt of Adam's sin to all his posterity, as their federal head and representative.

3. The substitution of the Mediator, in the room and stead of his elect people, as their federal head and representative.

4. The extent of the Atonement or Satisfaction of Jesus Christ.

All which is respectfully submitted,

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman*.

The following protest was made, and ordered to be put on the Minutes.

I do hereby protest against the resolution of General Synod, enjoining it on the Classis of Albany, to obtain from the Rev. Mr. Searl a statement of his opinions on certain points of Theology, for the following reasons :

1. The Rev. Mr. Searl, it appears, has been already ordained by the Classis of Albany, and thus recognized as a minister, in full and good standing, of the Reformed Dutch Church. If the Classis of Albany proceeded to ordain him without sufficient grounds to believe him orthodox in the faith of the Gospel, then the faithfulness of the Classis of Albany, and not the orthodoxy of Mr. Searl, ought to have been exposed to suspicion.

2. In case the Rev. Mr. Searl be not orthodox in the faith, he ought not to have been tolerated any longer in his public ministrations ; whereas the resolution against which I protest, contemplates no termination of this unhappy business till the next meeting of the General Synod.

3. The Memorial and Protest of certain members of the Classis of Albany on this subject, warranted, and in my opinion, required such an interposition on the part of the General Synod, as would have tended more speedily and effectually, to guard the reputation of our Church, against any imputations of having departed from that faith which was once delivered to the saints.

WILLIAM SCHUNEMAN.

The Committee to whom was submitted the reference by the Classis of Washington, on the subject of marrying a deceased wife's sister, (see art. 8.) brought in the following report, which was accepted.

The Committee to whom was submitted the reference of the Classis of Washington, beg leave to offer to Synod the following report.

The reference contemplates such a modification of the canon on the subject of marrying a deceased wife's sister, which was passed by the General Synod in the session of 1816, as to leave all questions arising under it to the different classes within whose bounds the same may, from time to time, be presented.

Your Committee consider this subject highly important, and involving, in no small degree, the peace and comfort both of individuals and of congregations, and therefore claims the consideration of Synod.

Whether the difficulties arising from this canon would be more conveniently removed by abolishing it altogether, and leave it with

every consistory to act in the case at discretion, or by modifying it as contemplated in the reference, your Committee would leave to the superior wisdom of Synod.

All which is humbly submitted,

JACOB SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolutions were then adopted, viz.

Whereas the principles involved in this reference have repeatedly received the solemn and deliberate consideration of this body, whose decisions on this subject have uniformly resulted in the same manner: And, whereas, difficulties upon the subject still exist; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the whole subject be referred to the several classes for their consideration, whose duty it shall be to report to General Synod at its next stated meeting their decision in the matter, together with the reasons on which it is founded.

A statement was made on behalf of an elder of the church of Kakeat, setting forth that the Rev. James D. Demarest, (who has seceded from the church) has appointed Friday, the 11th of June inst. for the purpose of meeting with the consistory and congregation of Kakeat, in order that said consistory may determine the question of their secession from the church, and requesting of Synod to appoint a commission to meet with said consistory at the time specified, to endeavour to prevent such secession.

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, and Peter Labagh, and the elders, Dr. Peter Wilson and Mr. Abraham Van Nest, were appointed such commission.

*Resolved*, That the expenses incurred in executing the commission to Kakeat be defrayed out of the funds of Synod.

The following preamble and resolution were introduced and *adopted unanimously.*

Whereas certain publications have issued from the press, and have been circulated in many parts of the Reformed Dutch Church, denying the doctrines of the eternal generation of the Son of God, of the total inability and depravity of man, of the *definite* nature of the atonement of Jesus Christ, as being a sacrifice for the sins of his *people*, and the usefulness and binding obligations of creeds and confessions of faith, and

Whereas it has been frequently averred, (especially by members of the late secession,) that such erroneous doctrines are now tolerated in the Reformed Dutch Church, and

Whereas the spirit of the 55th rule of church government, and the 64th explanatory article requires, from ministers and members of the Reformed Dutch Church no ordinary circumspection previous to the publication of any book or writing on religious subjects, and

Whereas such publications are calculated to foment the unhappy spirit now existing in many parts of the church, to increase the dissentions of its members, and alienate still further the minds of the adherents of the secession, and

Whereas it is deemed important that the General Synod at its present session should express a definite opinion on these subjects; therefore,

*Resolved*, That while this Synod totally disapprove of the late secession, and of all the means that have been employed to promote it, they do decidedly disown and condemn any such doctrines (before recited) set forth in such publications, and the doctrines commonly called Hopkinsian, as being contrary to the word of God, and the standards of the Reformed Dutch Church, and at the same time as decidedly condemn the course pursued by ministers and members of the late secession, who by *their* publications and conversation, and other measures, have endeavoured to establish the belief that such are the views of the Reformed Dutch Church, which views this Synod unequivocally pronounce altogether calumnious.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*Queen's College.*

The Committee appointed by Synod at its last meeting, to take charge of the College Edifice, brought in the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to take charge of the College Edifice and Lot, beg leave to report,

That after putting the east wing of the building in good order, they rented it to Professor De Witt for the sum of two hundred dollars per annum. That they have had the roof of the whole building exa-

mined and repaired, so that it is now in good order, that the fences have been reset, and some new put up. Trees have been planted in front of the building, and Professor De Witt has very much improved that part of the lot occupied by him by the planting of trees and other improvements, which adds not only to the value of the property, but still more to the appearance of the whole establishment, that the Professoral hall, together with the whole of the entries, and two rooms in the lower story have been contracted to be finished ; that the mason work is done, and that the carpenter's work will be done in a few days, so that the whole of the building will be finished, except two rooms in the third story of the centre building, and the third story of the west wing in the building. In the execution of those improvements, your Committee have expended about twenty-three hundred dollars, of which they have received in rent from Professor De Witt, and from voluntary subscriptions, one thousand and nine dollars, and about five hundred dollars is yet to be collected on subscriptions already made, so that there will be a deficiency of about eight hundred dollars ; for the payment of which, the Committee depend on the rent to be received from Professor De Witt, and voluntary subscriptions to be procured from those who have the prosperity of the Church at heart.

J. R. HARDENBERGH.
LEWIS CARMAN.

*New-Brunswick, June* 2, 1824.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### *Professorate.*

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave respectfully to report, That they have carefully examined the various subjects and documents referred to them, and submit to Synod the following as the result of their deliberations.

The General Synod have no ordinary cause of thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for his continued favour to our Theological Seminary during the past year, and for the entire success which has accompanied the efforts of those friends of the Church in the bounds of the particular Synod of New-York, who have procured such liberal subscriptions for the endowment of a Professorship in our Seminary, and for the encouraging prospects of success in the same object in the bounds of the particular Synod of Albany. From the report of the Board of Corporation, it appears however that the Treasurer of Synod is in advance $1589 79, being nearly $400 more than at the last

report, although a special collection was directed to be made during the past year in our Churches to refund the amount which the Treasurer was in advance at the last Session of the Synod. This collection was attended to only in about 30 of our congregations ; and from this circumstance the Synod will perceive the importance of devising the most effectual measures in their power to increase their pecuniary resources. Without detaining the Synod by any extended preliminary remarks, the Committee would direct their attention to the resolutions which they have agreed to present to the consideration of the Synod.

In regard to the matters which have been referred to them, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That Abraham H. Dumont, Benjamin B. Westphal, and David Abeel, Jun. students in the Theological Seminary, be recommended to the aid of the Van Benschoten fund.

2. Whereas in these cases it appears that the Classes to whom these students applied for a certificate, have, under the peculiar circumstances of the applicants, merely examined their credentials,—

*Resolved*, That in all future applications for this object, a mere examination of credentials be not deemed sufficient, and that the respective Classes be directed to inquire carefully for themselves into the talents and acquirements of the applicant, and the prospects of his becoming an acceptable and useful servant in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. *Resolved*, That James B. Hardenbergh, a Student in the Theological Seminary, who was prevented by sickness from attending the final examination before the Board of Superintendents, be recommended to the Professors for their certificate, to admit him to an examination before the Classis of New-Brunswick.

4. *Resolved*, That the course suggested by the committee appointed to take charge of the College Edifice and lot, as to the payment of the sum now remaining due on the improvements made to the building, be pursued.

5. Whereas the Board of Corporation have determined that the conveyance of the College Edifice and lot of ground attached to it, be made to the General Synod in their corporate style, as " the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," and whereas doubts are entertained respecting the legality of such conveyance,—

*Resolved*, that the Synod recommend to the Board of Corporation, to have the conveyance made, if found necessary, to certain persons in trust, to be named by the Board, who may convey the same to the Board of Corporation.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be requested to address circulars to all the Churches within our bounds on the necessity and importance of increased attention to the financial concerns of the Church, immediately preceding the several collections directed by Synod, that the Board of Corporation pay the postage of all such circulars, and that the Ministers of the Church be directed to read such communications to their respective consistories.

7. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board by death or otherwise, during the recess of General Synod.

8. *Resolved*, That it be referred to the Board of Corporation to act as they may deem most advisable in relation to the subscriptions made in 1815.

9. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the General Synod be presented to the Rev. Paschal N. Strong, for his gratuitous services as secretary of the Board of Corporation.

10. *Resolved*, That the respective Classes be directed to be punctual in paying for the minutes of Synod, and are hereby earnestly requested to pay all arrears for such printed minutes.

11. *Resolved*, That the respective Classes be directed to take such measures as they may see fit, to increase the collections for the contingent fund of the General Synod, in the Churches within their bounds.

12. *Resolved*, That nine persons be added to the Committee appointed in June last, to solicit donations and subscriptions for the endowment of a third Professorship, and that such addition consist of the following persons, viz:

Rev. Messrs. Jesse Fonda, William R. Bogardus, Thomas De Witt, Cornelius C. Cuyler, Abraham Van Horne, John F. Schermerhorn, and Messrs. Isaac Jennings, John Ingold, and John V. B. Varick; and that the Chairman of the committee appointed in June last, define the respective places in which these persons are to labour, and apprise them of the same as soon as practicable.

13. *Resolved*, That the Professors be requested to attend to the injunction of General Synod, directing them to preach once every four weeks before the Students.

14. *Resolved*, That the Professors be requested to attend the meetings of General Synod, whenever they shall find it convenient, that Synod may have the benefit of their advice when required.

15. *Resolved*, That the resolutions passed in June 1820, for the purpose of raising funds, excepting in so far as it respects the Mis-

sionary collection, be and hereby are re-enacted, and that the Board of Corporation be respectfully requested to take the most prompt and efficient measures which they can devise to carry these resolutions into full effect, and improve as far as they can, the financial concerns of the Church.

16. *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to beg $4000 to be paid to the Board of Trustees of Queen's College in New-Jersey, in payment of the College Edifice and Lot, having completed the object of their appointment, be at their own request discharged ; and that the thanks of the General Synod be presented to that Committee for their faithful and useful services.

17. Whereas this Committee have informed Synod that the Classis of Paramus and Bergen, (excepting the Church at Bergen) and the congregations of Brooklyn, New Utrecht, Gravesend, Flatlands, Jamaica, Bushwick, North Hempstead, and Oyster Bay, have not been visited and have recommended that the Synod appoint a Committee to obtain subscriptions in those places for the Professorate fund, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. P. N. Strong, and the Elders Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, and Abraham Bloodgood, be a Committee for this purpose, and be requested to attend to this matter as soon as practicable, and that this Committee be authorized to associate with them, such persons as they may consider would advance the objects of the Synod, in these parts of the Church.

18. *Resolved*, That the present mode of choosing the Board of Superintendents, be so altered that hereafter two be elected from each Classis under the care of the Synod, excepting that the Classis of New-York be entitled to four, and that five be a quorum to transact the business devolving on the said Board of Superintendents.

19. *Resolved*, That the power of admitting Students into the Theological School, be vested in the Board of Superintendents, and that said Board be directed to appoint a Committee in the neighbourhood of New-Brunswick, whose business it shall be to admit members to the Theological College, during the recess of the Board.

20. *Resolved*, That the Board of Superintendents be directed to make no appropriations for the ensuing year to the support of indigent Students.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PASCHAL N. STRONG, *Chairman.*

The period for which the Board of Superintendents was elected, having expired, the Synod proceeded to a new election ; and on

Counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were chosen to form the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, until the meeting of General Synod, which shall be in April, 1827, viz :

Rev Doctors Philip Milledoler, William M'Murray, Selah S. Woodhull, and John Knox; Rev. Messrs. John Beattie, Jacob Schoonmaker, John Cornelison, James V. C. Romeyn, Wilhelmus Eltinge, John I. Chrystie, Dr. James S. Cannon, Isaac Ferris, Dr. Jacob Brodhead, Peter Labagh, Thomas Dewitt, Cornelius C. Cuyler, Jesse Fonda, William R Bogardus, Jacob Sickles, Isaac N. Wyckoff, John Ludlow, Gilbert R. Livingston, Philip Duryee, Maurice W. Dwight, John F. Schemerhorn, and Peter P. Rouse.

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed at the session of General Synod of 1823, "to solicit donations and subscriptions for the endowment of a third Professorship," be authorized and empowered to receive from individuals and consistories, wherever it may be preferred, their obligation for the payment of a certain sum annually, in perpetuity, or till the obligee shall choose to pay the principal, of which the annual sum is the interest at 6 per cent.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The Rev. Mr. Ludlow, one of the Committee to obtain subscriptions for a third Professorship in our Theological College, may find it necessary in fulfilling the duties of his appointment, to be absent from his congregation for several Sabbaths—therefore

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. Benjamin C. Taylor, James Romeyn, Maurice W. Dwight, Robert Bronk, and Samuel Kissam, supply his pulpit, each one Sabbath, upon receiving notice to that effect from Mr. Ludlow.

## ARTICLE XV.

*Students in Theology.*

(See Article 9.)

## ARTICLE XVI.

*Church Visitation*

(See Article 7.)

## ARTICLE XVII.

*Prevailing Sins.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### *Missions.*

The Rev. John Ludlow, agreeably to appointment, preached the Annual Missionary sermon, in the evening of the first Sabbath after the opening of Synod, from 1 Cor. i. 23, 24. when a collection was taken up for missionary purposes.

The Rev. Dr. John Dewitt was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Thomas Dewitt was appointed his *secundus*.

The Secretary for Domestic Correspondence of the United Foreign Missionary Society, laid upon the table of Synod seventy-five copies of the seventh Annual Report of said society, for the use of the members.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions, from the documents before them, as far as they were able have made a faithful and candid investigation of the subject of missions, and submit to Synod the following report:

It is with peculiar pleasure, that your committee directs the attention of Synod to the fidelity with which the board of managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church have engaged in the business entrusted to their care. They have employed, during the last year, Ferdinand A. Vander Veer, Samuel Center, Robert Blair, Samuel Van Vechten, Maurice W. Dwight and Isaac S. Ketcham, licentiates from the Classis of New Brunswick, and Mark Jordan from the Classis of New-York, and also the following ministers: Robert M'Lean, Isaac A. Van Hook, Peter Van Zandt, Stephen Ostrander and Eli Baldwin. From the journals of these missionaries, as reported to the board of managers, it is evident that they have not laboured in vain. Whilst some of them were forming a pastoral relation with the people amongst whom they were labouring, others of them have been opening the way for the establishment of a regular ministry, by leading the destitute of the means of grace, to realize the value of the institutions of that religion, by which guilty man is begotten unto a lively hope of reconciliation with his offended God. Hyde Park, Pleasant Plains, Ovid, Mapletown, Johnstown, Mayfield, Fonda's Bush, Union, Princetown, Guelderland, Oak-hill, Fort Edward, Johnsburgh, Chester, Athol, Warrensburgh, Hoffman, and New-York, bear witness to the prayers and zealous labours of your missionaries. The regret expressed by your board of managers of the want of mis-

sionaries, your committee trusts will be removed by the ample supply that will now be afforded them from your school of the prophets.

Your committee beg leave farther to report, that, during the last year, auxiliaries to the parent society have been formed, under the care of J. V. C. Romeyn, at Coughnawaga, Hackensack and Schraalenbergh, Belville, Pompton Plains, Fairfield, Pompton, Montville and Wyckoff; at New Brunswick, Rariton, Bedminster, Rockaway, Lebanon, Middletown, Spotswood, Spring Garden, North and South Hampton and Shanick; Hillsdale, Claverack, Greenbush, Blooming-Grove, Nassau and Schodack; Kingston, Bloomingburgh, Wilton, Katskill and Albany, and in the city of New York, a young men's auxiliary, and in Market-street, a female auxiliary society, as also another by the ladies of the collegiate churches.

The report of the treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, next claimed the attention of your committee. They find that there has been received into the treasury $2,888 32, and that for missionary purposes there has been paid out, $2,395 56, leaving a balance of $ 492 76.

Your committee would also state, that they have examined with care the report of the United Foreign Missionary Society, and whilst they congratulate the well-wishers of the Redeemer's kingdom on the happy results of its exertions, beg leave to recommend it to the particular attention of the ministers of our church, and of the congregations under their care. From a view of the subject of missions as presented to your committee by the documents which they have received, they would submit to Synod the propriety of adopting the following resolutions:

1. Synod recommend to the board of managers, to appoint agents in such classes as they may think proper, whose business it shall be to furnish to the board of managers such information, when requested by the board, or their missionaries, as may in any respect facilitate its operations. The Synod would also recommend to the board of managers to open and maintain a correspondence with the Theological Seminary, that the students may become acquainted with the wants of destitute places, and excited to an interestedness in their relief.

2. That it be enjoined on the ministers and consistories of those congregations who have not formed auxiliary societies, or do not pay an annual stipend, to make annual collections on the first Sabbath of September, and to forward them immediately to Mr. Cornelius Hyer, the treasurer of the Missionary Society.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PETER STUDDIFORD, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the board of managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, be directed to furnish the stated clerk of General Synod with a number of their reports, equal to the number of copies of the Minutes of General Synod distributed among the classes, to be by him forwarded with said minutes.

*Resolved*, That General Synod do recommend to the ministers under their care, to read, to their respective congregations, the Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, on the Sabbath previous to the missionary collections.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### *Widow's Fund.*

The following report was received.

The Committee appointed by General Synod in June, 1823, to report the state of the Widow's Fund, report, that, owing to other duties assigned to two of the Committee by General Synod, and the absence of Mr. Sharpe at Washington, as a member of Congress, they have been prevented from paying that attention to the subject which it merits, and which the Committee regret they have not been enabled to bestow upon it; and if the General Synod see proper to continue the trust committed to them, they hope to have it in their power to make a more satisfactory report to the next General Synod.

J. R. HARDENBERGH.

*June*, 1824. ABRAHAM VAN NEST.

*Resolved*, That the Committee be continued, and that they be required to report to Synod at its next stated meeting.

## ARTICLE XX.

### *Particularia.*

The following resolution was introduced, and adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod, and of the church in general, be, and hereby are given, to the Committees who have so faithfully and successfully exerted themselves to raise a professoral fund, and also funds for the purchase of the college lot and buildings in New Brunswick, and for the repair of the said college and buildings.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### *Pastoral Letter.*

The Rev. Messrs. Isaac Ferris, John Ludlow, and the Elder Mr. John Storm, were appointed a Committee to draft a pastoral letter to the churches.

The Committee reported the following letter, which was adopted, and ordered to be read in all the churches as soon after the rising of Synod as practicable.

The Committee appointed to draft a pastoral letter to the churches under the care of this Synod, beg leave to submit the following for the adoption of Synod.

The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church to the churches under their care: Grace be unto you and peace, from Him, which is, and which was, and which is to come.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

It is with cheerfulness, in the close of our official duties, we devote a few moments to the purpose of addressing to you our pastoral letter, and that, not so much, because we have many things to say, as because it is good to exhort one another daily, and especially that we may show you the continuance of our pastoral feeling and deep interest in your welfare.

We bless God that "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities," but has continued to smile on our churches, blessing his word preached, and adding to the number of the saved. His past mercy is a security for the future, and encouraged by it, let us be more earnest and diligent in waiting on Him. There is special reason, for it, also, inasmuch, as while the Lord has blest us as a body, individual cases present themselves, where all is coldness and gloom. We look to some churches, where a short time since, all was bloom and beauty and success, and ask with anxiety, why their situation is so changed—others we hear of, where so little is known of the triumph of the Gospel, so little is done for Christ, that we tremble, while we fear the Master would say of them they have a name to live, and are dead. We would not have these things thus. Our God is a God who answers prayer, let us all, therefore, be pressing in our entreaties for the general pouring out of his Spirit, that we may rejoice in him.

We recommend to your particular notice the reports, which are found in the preceding pages of these acts of Synod, and do most sincerely hope that you will all promptly attend to the injunctions contained therein. Let us not have the pain of presenting to *you*, sworn

servants of the cross, to *you*, for whom God has done so much, opportunities of doing good, and having you neglect them. It is our anxious prayer, that *you*, beloved brethren, of all others, may omit no opportunity of doing good, that your charity may be an example to all around you.

If we might single out, as an object worthy the best place in your affections, and the first in your charity, it would be that which we have so often commended to you, in the strongest terms—*our Theological School.* We are now more firmly convinced than ever, that our past efforts for it have been more than experiment, and our anxieties and expectations fully correct—that we have never exhibited its importance to you, in description too highly coloured. We believe, and the present combined with the past, justifies the belief, that it is the hope of our church, that around it, as a great centre, the affections, and efforts, and charities of every minister, congregation and member should rally. To the southern section of our church we say, fall not back from the advanced post, which ye have occupied in this cause. To the northern, imitate the example. A Committee of our brethren have been appointed to visit you, who will furnish an opportunity. They are commended to your fullest confidence—receive them graciously—hear them kindly, and send them away only laden with your liberality. For our beloved institution we also ask your fervent prayers, not that we think you have forgotten it, but that it may command more of your attention. Remember particularly our venerable father at its head. The churches are deeply indebted to him, under God. And as he is going down the vale of life let him live amidst your tenderest sympathies and gratitude, and if God should take him from us, let him die amid a church's prayers.

On the general duties of Christian churches, be exhorted to faithfulness. If there be any spring of Christian activity, any tender mercies for perishing men, any emulation of holy example, there is call for all at the present day.

Beloved brethren, are there some, who bear the name of Christ, who are sons of strife,—fomenters of discord and schism,—come ye out from them, be ye of one heart and one mind,—in unity of affection and effort is strength and success. Are any carried away with every wind of doctrine? Be ye strong and immoveable in the truth. In this day of party feeling we consider it our duty, to exhort you to cherish and maintain the doctrines of our publicly adopted standards, in subordination to the word of God. We assure you that these are now as they have ever been, the true expression of the faith of the Dutch Chnrch. And though some of this day, to answer sinister purposes, may represent a conscientious attachment to and defence of

the truth as bigotry, know this, that the abiding peace of a well settled conscience, and a sound and intelligent faith, is of infinitely more worth to you, than either the smiles or frowns of any man, or any set of men.

Are any boasting the correctness and orthodoxy of their faith, while great want of the practical detail of Christian duty, and a departure from moral principle, show the heresy of their hearts? Be ye careful and anxious, that the orthodoxy of your faith be seen in the holiness of your lives.

To you pastors we send the exhortation, to remember your very solemn responsibilities, that ye lead your people to the pure fountain of truth. Be ye first in duty, first in zeal, first in Christian attainment. If there was ever a time, when the ministry of truth should seek such eminence of character and attainment, it is the present; when so many errors are abroad, so much policy and finesse are exercised by the abettors of these errors, and when on the part of the truth, much is done and much remains to be done, for the cause of Christ.

You elders and deacons, we exhort to be at your post; see that ye hold up the hands of the Moses among you, and divide with him the responsibilities of his ecclesiastical charge, maintain the discipline of the house of God, be jealous, with a holy jealousy, over those committed to your care.

Soon the period of our duty will terminate, we who address and you who are addressed, will finish our course: perhaps, before another Synod some painful breach may be made among us: how important that while we live we live to God and for eternity: wherefore, beloved brethren, let us "be steadfast, immoveable, *always abounding* in the work of the Lord." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen."

ISAAC FERRIS, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XXII.

*Synodical Archives.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and Close.*

The Minutes were read and approved,—

*Resolved*,—That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of June, 1825, at ten o'clock A. M.

THOMAS DE WITT, *President.*
CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *Adsessor.*
NICHOLAS I. MARSELUS, } *Clerks*
SAMUEL KISSAM, } *pro. tem.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

*** The Collections which Synod has directed to be made in all the churches under their care, (see Resolution 15, page 55 of these Minutes,) are—

For the Theological College, on the first Sabbath of November.

For the Permanent Fund, on the first Sabbath in May.

For the Contingent Fund, on the first Sabbath in January.

A collection is also directed to be made for the Missionary Fund, by all those congregations who have not formed Auxiliary Societies, and do not pay an annual stipend, on the first Sabbath in September.—(See page 59 of these Minutes.)

The twenty-five cent contribution is requested to be made on the last Sabbath in December.

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## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas De Witt, the President of the last General Synod; who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the session, from Ephesians iv. 15.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

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Elders, Isaac Heyer and William Hardenbrook, junior.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. John L. Zabriskie, Isaac M. Fisher, and Samuel A. Van Vranken.

Elders, John Frelinghuysen,† Jacob R. Hardenbergh,† and Peter Z. Elmendorf.‡

† Obtained leave of absence on the third day of session.

‡ Aaron Smock, the primarius, took his seat on the afternoon of the first day of the session.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. John Duryee, Herman B. Stryker, and Gustavus Abeel.

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4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge.

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5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. William Crookshank, Stephen H. Meeker, and Thomas M. Strong.

Elders, Abraham Terhune and Michael Schoonmaker.

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., Gabriel Ludlow, and Peter Labagh.

Elder, John W. Hall.†

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Robert Bronk, Abraham Fort, and Jeremiah Searle.‡

Elders, Abraham Van Vechten and Christian Miller.‖

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Jacob Sickles, James Romeyn, and Benjamin C. Taylor.§

Elders, Henry P. H. Smith, Ephraim Best, and Joseph Horton.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. William R. Bogardus and John H. Carle.

Elder, Mathew Oliver.†

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook, Jacob D. Fonda, and Abm. I. Switz.‖

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5. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John Gosman, William S. Heyer, and Thomas De Witt.

Elders, John H. Jansen, Henry Hulst,‡ and Isaac A. Knevels.‡

† Obtained leave of absence on the third day of session.

‡ Took their seats on the second day of session.

‖ Took their seats on the third day of the session.

§ Rev. Richard Sluyter, the *primarius*, took his seat on the afternoon of the first day of the session, and was substituted in the place Mr. Taylor, in the committee on Synodical Minutes.

6. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Isaac Labagh and Winslow Paige.

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The Rev. Professor De Witt was also present during a part of the Sessions of Synod.

## ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D. was chosen President.

Rev. John Gosman was chosen Adsessor.

Rev. William Crookshank and Thomas M. Strong were chosen Clerks *pro. tem.*

## ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of Minutes.*

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod, and of the extra meeting of Synod held in February last, were read.

# ACTS OF SYNOD.

## ARTICLE I.

*Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

## ARTICLE II.

*Standing Committees.*

*Resolved*, That each of the Standing Committees consist of three Ministers and two Elders.

The following Committees were appointed:

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Peter Labagh, Wilhelmus Eltinge, and John Gosman; and the Elders Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Abraham Van Vechten.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, John H. Carle, and Isaac A. Van Hook; and the Elders Michael Schoonmaker and William Hardenbrook, junior.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Isaac Labagh, Herman B. Stryker, and Stephen H. Meeker; and the Elders Abraham Terhune and John W. Hall.

*On Missions.*—Rev. Thomas De Witt, William Crookshank, and Robert Bronk; and the Elders John Frelinghuysen and John H. Jansen.

*On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Jacob Sickles,* Wilhelmus Eltinge, and Gabriel Ludlow; and the Elders Matthew Oliver and Henry P. H. Smith.

*On Overtures.*—Rev. Isaac Labagh, James Romeyn, and William S. Heyer; and the Elders Peter Z. Elmendorf and John W. Hall.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Communications.*

The Board of Superintendents brought in the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

*Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College at New-Brunswick, N. J. for the year ending May,* 1825.

The Board convened in accordance with the resolution of General Synod, directing their meetings in New-Brunswick, in September last. Two young gentlemen, viz. James Stevenson and Leonard Van Dyke, offered themselves for admission to the Theological College, and having presented the necessary credentials, were admitted.

The Board have also held their usual spring meeting, and on that occasion have had the satisfaction to witness the continued prosperity of our Theological Seminary. The following students have attended during the last Session:

Of *the First Class*—Jacob T. B. Beekman, George H. Fisher, Richard D. Van Kleek, and John G. Tarbell.

Of *the Second Class*—David Abeel, jun. Ira Condict Boice, Abraham H. Dumont, Charles Whitehead, Cornelius D. Van Cleef, John H. Van Wagenen, John G. Garretson, Isaac P. Labagh, Abraham I. Labagh, Christian Z. Poulison, Henry Hermanse, Benjamin B. Westfall.

* The Rev. Jacob Sickles having been excused from acting on this Committee in consequence of ill health, the Rev. Robert Bronk was appointed in his place.

Of *the Third Class*—James Stevenson, Leonard Van Dyke.

William Blauvelt, a member of the Junior Class in 1821, attached himself to the second class during the session, and towards its close, was licensed by the Presbytery of New-Brunswick, under the care of which he had formerly placed himself.

They have examined the *Senior Class* on Didactic, Polemic, and Pastoral Theology, Church Government, Hermeneutica Sacra, and on Experimental Religion. The *Middle* on Didactic Theology, and Hermeneutica Sacra, and the *Third* on Pastoral Theology, Hermeneutica Sacra, and Sacred Antiquities.

All the classes were examined on the original languages of the Scriptures.

The Board have been highly gratified with this examination, and have been happy to notice the progress which has been made in the several departments of sacred literature, by the students generally, and to learn from the professoral report, the commendable attention to study, regularity of attendance on the Lectures, and the pious demeanour which they have maintained during the session.

Jacob T. B. Beekman, George H. Fisher, John G. Tarbell, and Richard D. Van Kleek, were recommended for Professoral certificates, in order to licensure.

In consequence of the severe domestic loss which the Junior Professor was called to feel, and the death of our venerable father, Dr. Livingston, who has so long and so successfully promoted the interests of the Redeemer among us; the last session of the Theological School has been one of peculiar character, and subject to some irregularity and temporary disarrangement.

At this place, however, the Board would *particularly* notice the highly laudable part which Dr. De Witt has acted. Though severely afflicted in his own family, affected by personal debility and the death of his coadjutor, prompted by an ardent desire to have the studies of the school kept up, as fully as possible, he has in addition to the duties of his own office, regularly instructed and examined the students on Didactic and Polemic Theology.

During the meeting of the Board, the Rev. Dr. Milledoler was inducted into his office by the Committee appointed for that purpose by the General Synod; and as by this event the place of Dr. Livingston is supplied by a brother, having the full confidence of the church, they earnestly pray and confidently believe, that as his predecessor, he will be a burning and shining light.

A vacancy having occurred in this Board by the appointment of Dr. Milledoler to the Professorship, it will be highly proper for the

General Synod to appoint a minister from the Classis of New-York to supply it.

In closing their report, the Board might say much for the encouragement of those who feel deeply concerned for the prosperity of the Theological College, but as it would be a reiteration of the sentiments which they have again and again expressed,—they deem it sufficient simply to remark, that they can, and do still more confidently refer the friends of our Zion to the Theological College, as the stay and hope of the Church.

S. S. WOODHULL, President.

WILLIAM R. BOGARDUS, Secretary.

*New-Brunswick, May 26th*, 1825.

Communications were received from all the Classes, excepting from the Classis of Long Island, on the subject of the marriage of a deceased wife's sister, submitted to the Classes by the last General Synod; and were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. James Romeyn, Wilhelmus Eltinge, and Thomas De Witt, and the Elders Abm. Van Vechten, and Jacob R. Hardenbergh.

The Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, D. D. who was appointed to preside at the installation of the Rev. Professor Milledoler, brought in the following report, which was accepted :—

*To the Reverend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

The undersigned, appointed to preside at the inauguration of the Rev. Professor Milledoler, and to preach upon the occasion, respectfully reports :—

That the Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler was inducted into his office of Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological College, (in the Reformed Dutch Church of New-Brunswick,) on the 25th of May, inst. according to the direction of Synod; when, in addition to the inaugural address delivered by the Professor, the undersigned delivered a sermon, and the Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler gave a charge to the Professor.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. WOODHULL.

*May* 30, 1825.

The Annual Report of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church was presented to Synod, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Communications were received from the Classis of Bergen,

recommending John Stryker, and from the Classis of Rensselaer. recommending Ransford Wells, as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund, which were referred to the Committee on the professorate.

Application was also made by John H. Bevier, (accompanied by various testimonials in his favour,) for aid from the Van Benschoten fund—which application not being in conformity with the resolutions of Synod of 1823 and 1824, was returned to him.

A communication was received from Mr. R. R. Gurley, Resident Agent of the American Colonization Society, requesting that the churches under the care of Synod, take up collections on the 4th of July, or the Sabbath immediately preceding or following the 4th of July, for the benefit of said Society.—Whereupon,

*Resolved*—That Synod reiterate the sentiments expressed by them at their last meeting in relation to said Society.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Board of Corporation.*

The following report was received from the Board of Corporation, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Board of Corporation respectfully report, that since the last regular meeting of the Synod, they have carefully atttended to the trust committed to them, and have transacted the business of the Board with constant unanimity. But they have experienced no small affliction from the severe illness of some of their number; and they have been called to mourn deeply on account of the death of their beloved and able associate, Gilbert B. Vroom, Esq. and of their active and useful Secretary, the Rev. Paschal N. Strong. The place of Mr. Vroom has been supplied by the election of Cornelius Heyer, Esq. The office of Secretary has not yet been filled.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the General Synod, the Board have rescinded their former resolution as to the conveyance of the College Lot and Building; and have named certain persons to whom the conveyance may be made in trust. The Board have carefully examined the title of the Trustees of Queens College to the College Lot at New-Brunswick, and have discovered no good reason to hesitate as to its validity. A form of conveyance has been agreed to by the Board and a committee of the Trustees; and such a conveyance, the Trustees are believed to be ready to execute. *Yet it is respectfully suggested and recommended to Synod, to author-*

*ize and empower the Board of Corporation to apply to the Legislature of the state of New-Jersey, for an act authorizing the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church to hold real property in that state.* Were such an act procured, the conveyance of the College Lot and Building might then be made to the Synod in their incorporated capacity, without any doubt as to the validity of such conveyance.

In conformity to the resolution of Synod, circulars have been regularly prepared and transmitted to the churches prior to the several collections. The report of the Treasurer, which is contained in this report, will show how far those collections have been attended to by the ministers and consistories. An examination of that document will make it manifest to your reverend body, that there are not a few in our connexion, who do not yet exert themselves to relieve the Synod from debt, or to support the Theological College. But from that examination it will further appear, that the present plan of finance promises to have the most favourable results. Its efficacy has been greatly impaired by the suspension of it during the two years previous to June last. Yet it has already been so far successful, as that during the year now closing, the debt of the Synod has not materially increased; and several hundred dollars have been received by your Treasurer more than were received in the previous year. *Perseverance in this plan is earnestly recommended by the Board, and they respectfully request Synod to re-enact their resolutions in which this plan is contained.* The Board hope and believe, that it will have increased efficiency in the coming year, if strenuously urged by the Synod; and they are confident that it will result eventually in the entire extinction of the debt now owed by the Synod.

The following is the Treasurer's account.

*Statement of Receipts and Payments by the Treasurer, from 31st May, 1824, to 27th May, 1825.*

| 1824. | RECEIPTS. | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1 | By cash from 2d Church in Albany, for Missionary and contingent funds | 18 | |
| | .. .. for Permanent Fund | 17 | |
| 2 | .. .. from Churches at Rochester and Warwarsing, for Theological College | 5 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Jamaica, do. | 7 | |
| 3 | .. .. from Female Cent Society at Bergen, do. | 6 | |
| 4 | .. .. from J. R Hardenbergh, 6 mos. interest on his bond | 140 | |
| | .. .. from Classis of Poughkeepsie, for Minutes of Synod | 12 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Florida, Theological College | 5 | 50 |
| 5 | .. .. from Church at Greenwich, do. | 3 | 25 |
| | .. .. from Church at Owasco, do. | 4 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Middleburgh, do. | 5 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Lebanon, do. | 6 | 30 |
| | .. .. from Church at Rockaway, do. | 6 | 70 |
| 7 | .. .. from Rev John H. Smaltz, in part of his note for monies had by him from Board of Superintendents | 100 | |
| 8 | .. .. from Classis of Bergen, for Minutes | 10 | 30 |
| | .. .. from Church at Pompton Plains, 25-cent donations | 9 | |
| 9 | .. .. from Church at Catskill, Theological College | 10 | |
| | .. .. from do. at do. twenty-five cent donations | 10 | |
| 10 | .. .. from Benevolent Society at Saugerties, for Theo. Coll. | 5 | |
| 12 | .. .. from Church at Clarkstown, Permanent Fund | 1 | 81 |
| July 2 | .. .. for 12 months interest on a loan of $2000, of New Professorship Fund | 140 | |
| 6 | .. .. for interest from Rev. John Ludlow, on his subscription to Professorship Fund | 10 | 50 |
| 10 | .. .. for one quarter's interest on State Stock $3850, and on United States Stock $3500 | 110 | 25 |
| | .. .. for one half of the principal of $3050 State Stock, paid off by the state | 1525 | |
| 23 | .. .. from Church at Fairfield, 25 cent donations $6 00<br>Theological College, collection $5 00 | 11 | |
| 29 | .. .. from Cent Society of church at Brooklyn, for Theo. Coll. | 34 | 20 |
| | .. .. from Church at Schenectady, Theological College | 12 | |
| Aug. 20 | .. .. from Church at Clarkstown, do. | 2 | 3 |
| | .. .. from do. at do. Missionary Fund | 2 | 12 |
| | .. .. from Church at Tappan, Theological College | 4 | 50 |
| Oct. 8 | .. .. from Church at Clarkstown, Missionary Fund | 6 | 5 |
| 11 | .. .. for interest on State Stock $2325, and on United States Stock $3500 | 87 | 38 |
| | .. .. for principal on State Stock, paid off by the state | 762 | 50 |
| Nov. 1 | .. .. from Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes | 5 | 50 |
| 9 | .. .. from Church at Brooklyn, Theological College | 20 | |
| 10 | .. .. from Church at Six Mile Run, do. | 8 | 91 |
| | .. .. from Church at Catskill, do. | 10 | |
| | .. .. from Church in Garden-street, do. | 52 | |
| 12 | .. .. from Church cor. Green & Houston-sts. do. | 6 | 28 |
| 16 | .. .. from Church at Bergen, do. | 4 | 50 |
| 18 | .. .. from Church at Pompton, do. | 2 | 18 |
| | .. .. from Church at New-Shannack, do. | 3 | 60 |
| 20 | .. .. from Church at Pompton Plains, do. | 10 | |
| 22 | .. .. from Church at Nassau, do. | 7 | 10 |
| 25 | .. .. from Church at Fishkill Landing, do. | 12 | |
| 27 | .. .. from Church at Tappan, do. | 4 | 38 |
| | Carried forward | 3235 | 84 |

*Account continued.*

| | | Dlls. | C. |
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| 1824. | Amount brought forward . . . . . | 3235 | 84 |
| Nov. 27 | By cash from Church at Somerville, Theological College . | 15 | 40 |
| 28 | .. .. from 2d Church in Albany, do. . . | 40 | 50 |
| | .. .. from 1st Church in Albany, do. . . | 89 | 39 |
| 29 | .. .. from Middle Church, New-York, do. . . | 81 | 48 |
| | .. .. from North Church, do. do. . . | 46 | 67 |
| 30 | .. .. from Church at Schodack, do. . . | 5 | 95 |
| | .. .. from Church at Coxsackie, do. . . | 23 | |
| Dec. 4 | .. .. from Church at Montgomery, do. . . | 14 | |
| 6 | .. .. from North West Church, New-York, do. . . | 13 | 6 |
| 9 | .. .. from Church at Schoharie, do. . . | 7 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Warwick, do. . . | 4 | |
| | .. .. from Church at New-Brunswick, do. . . | 15 | 13 |
| 10 | .. .. from Church at Schenectady, do. . . | 8 | |
| | .. .. for one year's interest on I. Voorhees' bond, New Fund | 42 | |
| 13 | .. .. from Churches at Shawangunk and New Prospect, Theological College . | 6 | 77 |
| 16 | .. .. from Church at Bedminster, do. . . | 4 | 10 |
| | .. .. from Church at Greenwich, do. . . | 2 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Clarkstown, do. . . | 2 | 9 |
| | .. .. from Church at Rhinebeck, do. . . | 12 | 25 |
| 17 | .. .. from Church at Fishkilltown, do. . . | 7 | 20 |
| | .. .. from Church at Jamaica, do. . . | 11 | 76 |
| 18 | .. .. from Rev. John Knox for 15 copies of Minutes sold | 3 | 75 |
| 24 | .. .. from Church at Schaghticoke, Theological College . | 8 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Tyashoke, do. . . | 4 | |
| 27 | .. .. from Middle Church, New-York, twenty-five cent donations . . . . . | 75 | 16 |
| 1825. | | | |
| Jan. 6 | .. .. for principal on State Stock, paid off by the State . | 762 | 50 |
| | .. .. for one quarter's interest on State Stock $1562 50, and on United States Stock $3500 00 | 75 | 94 |
| 7 | .. .. from Rev. John C. Vandervoort, amt. of his note to Board of Superintendents . . . . . | 60 | |
| 11 | .. .. from Church in Garden-street, contingent fund . | 28 | 16 |
| | .. .. from Church corner Green & Houston-sts. Theo. College | 7 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. contingent fund . | 3 | 87 |
| 12 | .. .. from Church at Flatbush, Theological College . | 12 | 25 |
| | .. .. from do. at do. 25 cent donations . . . | 12 | 25 |
| | .. .. from Church at Bedminster, contingent fund . | 3 | |
| 17 | .. .. from Church at Schaghticoke, contingent fund . | 9 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Poughkeepsie, do. . . | 13 | 21 |
| 21 | .. .. from Church at Bloomingdale, do. . . | 4 | 29 |
| | .. .. from Church at Somerville, for Missionary and contingent funds . . . . . | 14 | 25 |
| 24 | .. .. from Church at Bergen, contingent fund . . | 3 | 16 |
| | .. .. from Churches at Shawangunk and New Prospect, do. | 5 | |
| Feb. 2 | .. .. from Church at Pompton, Theological College . | 3 | |
| 3 | .. .. from 2d Church at Rotterdam, Missionary and contingent funds . . . . . | 23 | |
| 4 | .. .. from Church at Tappan, Contingent Fund . . | 5 | 82 |
| 5 | .. .. from Church at Bellville, do. . . | 4 | 25 |
| 9 | .. .. from Female Cent Society of Collegiate Churches, N. Y. Permanent Fund. . . . . | 87 | |
| 11 | .. .. from North Church, N. Y. 25 cent donations. . . | 48 | 63 |
| | .. .. from Church at Pompton Plains, contingent fund | 7 | 17 |
| 23 | .. .. from 2d Church in Albany do. . | 10 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. Missionary Fund . . . | 50 | |
| | Carried forward . . | 5031 | 25 |

*Account continued.*

| 1825. | | Dlls. | C. |
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| | Amount brought forward . . . . . | 5031 | 25 |
| Feb.23 | By cash from Church at Fishkill, contingent fund . . | 2 | 50 |
| | .. .. from Church at Greenbush, 25 cent donations . | 15 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Blooming Grove . do. . . | 10 | |
| 24 | .. .. from Church at Warwick, contingent fund . . | 3 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Harlingen. Theological College . | 5 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. contingent fund . . . | 4 | |
| | .. .. from J. R. Hardenbergh, 6 months interest on his bond, new fund . . . . . | 140 | |
| | .. .. from late Professor Livingston's estate, 50 day's interest on loan of $2000, do. . . . . | 16 | 66 |
| Mar. 2 | .. .. from Church at Basick, Theological College . . | 4 | |
| | .. .. from do. from do. Missionary and contingent funds | 3 | |
| 5 | .. .. from Church at Claverack, Theological College . | 11 | |
| 14 | .. .. from Church in Market-st. N. York, do. . . | 76 | 24 |
| | .. .. from Church at Schenectady, Miss. and conting. funds | 10 | |
| 21 | .. .. from Church at Six Mile Run, contingent fund . | 7 | 80 |
| 22 | .. .. from Church at Claverack, Miss. and contingent funds | 8 | |
| 25 | .. .. from Church at Brooklyn, contingent fund . . | 21 | 22 |
| | .. .. from Church at Clarkstown, do. . . . | 2 | 49 |
| 31 | .. .. from Church at Fishkill Landing, do. . . . | 6 | 37 |
| April 6 | .. .. for interest on U. States Stock $3500 00 State do. 800 00 . . | 64 | 50 |
| | .. .. for principal on U. S. Stock, one certificate paid off | 100 | |
| 9 | .. .. from Church at New Hurley, contingent fund . | 3 | 48 |
| | .. .. from Church at New Paltz, do. . . | 4 | 8 |
| 18 | .. .. from Church at Harlaem, Theological College . | 18 | 34 |
| 20 | .. .. from Church at Fordham, do. . . . | 6 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. Missionary fund . . . | 5 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Tarry Town, Theological College | 5 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. Missionary fund . . | 4 | 50 |
| 26 | .. .. from Church at Union Village, Theological College | 2 | 78 |
| May 3 | .. .. from Church at Totowa, do. . | 11 | 63 |
| | .. .. from Church at Paramus, do. . | 5 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Paschack, do. . | | 62 |
| | .. .. from Classis of Paramus for Minutes of 1823 $7 25 do. do. 1824 7 50 | 14 | 75 |
| | .. .. from Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, for dividend on his donation of Bergen turnpike stock . . . . | 5 | |
| 4 | .. .. from Church at Hillsborough, contingent fund . | 9 | 50 |
| | .. .. from Classis of New-Brunswick, for Minutes . . | 8 | 75 |
| | .. .. for one year's interest on L. V. Deforest's bond . | 120 | |
| 9 | .. .. from Classis of Long-Island, for Minutes . . | 6 | 25 |
| 10 | .. .. from Church at Marbletown, contingent fund . . | 6 | 38 |
| | .. .. from Consistory of Collegiate churches, New-York, 12 months interest on their bond, new Professorship fund | 300 | |
| 11 | .. .. from Church at Hopewell, Theological College . | 12 | |
| | .. .. from Church at New Hackinsack, do. . . | 13 | 25 |
| | .. .. from Classis of Poughkeepsie, for Minutes . . | 12 | 75 |
| | .. .. from Church at Poughkeepsie, permanent fund . | 16 | |
| 12 | .. .. from Church at Shannack, Theological College . | 7 | 52 |
| | .. .. from do. do. contingent fund . . | 4 | 6 |
| | .. .. from Church at Brooklyn, permanent fund . . | 24 | 59 |
| | .. .. from Church in Market-street do. . . . | 40 | 54 |
| 14 | .. .. from Female Cent Society of 2d Church in Albany, Theological College . . . . . | 55 | |
| | .. .. from Church at Kinderhook, 25 cent donations . | 37 | |
| | Carried forward . | 6301 | 80 |

*Account continued.*

| | | Dlls. | C. |
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| 1825. | | | |
| | Amount brought forward . . . . . | 6301 | 80 |
| May 14 | By cash from church at Kinderhook, contingent fund . . | 12 | |
| | .. .. from church at Fishkill Landing, permanent fund . | 10 | 50 |
| 18 | .. .. from church at Beaverwick, contingent fund . | 4 | |
| | .. .. from church at Claverack, permanent fund . . | 7 | |
| 20 | .. .. from church at Greenwich, contingent fund . . | 7 | 18 |
| 21 | .. .. from church at Six Mile Run, permanent fund . | 8 | 88 |
| 24 | .. .. from church at N. Hurley, do . . | 4 | 13 |
| | .. .. from church at New Paltz do. . . | 6 | 54 |
| | .. .. from 2d church in Albany, do. . . | 36 | |
| | .. .. for 12 mos. interest on $700 city stock . . . | 42 | |
| | .. .. for 12 mos. interest from J. Heyer, on his subscription of 1817 to permanent fund . . . . | 35 | |
| 26 | .. .. from church at Florida, Theological College . . | 9 | 84 |
| | .. .. from church at Schenectady, permanent fund . | 8 | 63 |
| 27 | .. .. for interest from Rev. John Ludlow, on the amount due on his subscription to Professorship fund . . | 10 | 50 |
| | .. .. from church at Scaghticoke, permanent fund . . | 7 | |
| | .. .. from church at Coeymans, Theological College . | 4 | 25 |
| | .. .. from church at Bethlehem, do. . . | 5 | |
| | .. .. from church at Fairfield, contingent fund . . | 2 | 37 |
| | .. .. from do. do. permanent fund . . . | 4 | 63 |
| | .. .. from 1st church at Philadelphia, Theological College | 10 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. contingent fund . | 5 | |
| | .. .. from do. do. permanent fund . . | 12 | |
| | .. .. for interest, 12 mos. on loan of $3767 80, at 6 per cent. | 226 | 7 |

| | PAYMENTS. | Dlls. | C. | | |
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| 1824. | | | | | |
| May 31 | To balance then due the Treasurer . . . . | 1589 | 78 | | |
| June 3 | .. cash paid Professor De Witt . . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| 12 | .. .. paid Professor Livingston . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| | .. .. paid Rev. John Knox, expenses for transcribing Minutes of 1823 . . . . . | 7 | 15 | | |
| 15 | .. .. paid Order of Board of Superintendents . | 450 | | | |
| July 10 | .. .. loaned of Permanent fund to L. Condict, on bond and mortgage at 7 per cent. . | 1500 | | | |
| 21 | .. .. paid P. Amerman his acct. per order of Synod | 12 | 75 | | |
| Sept. 2 | .. .. paid Professor De Witt . . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| | .. .. paid Rev. Messrs. Cuyler, De Witt, and Fonda, expenses on commission to Classis of Paramus . . . . . | 12 | 50 | | |
| Oct. 1 | .. .. paid Rev. J. Fonda, part of his expenses on delegation to German Synod . . | 10 | | | |
| 4 | .. .. paid Professor Livingston, balance due him 1st September . . . . . | 137 | 50 | | |
| | .. .. paid, expenses of a committee of Board of Corporation to Somerville . . . | 13 | 44 | | |
| 15 | .. .. paid, postage of circulars from Board of Corporation . . . . . | 8 | 94 | | |
| Nov. 9 | .. .. paid Abm. Paul for printing Minutes of Synod | 128 | 27 | | |
| Dec. 2 | .. .. paid Professor De Witt . . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| 9 | .. .. paid Abm Paul for printing circulars from Board of Corporation for Oct. and Decr. | 9 | 95 | | |
| 11 | .. .. paid postage of circulars for December . | 8 | 64 | | |
| 1825. | .. .. paid Professor Livingston . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| Feb. 23 | .. .. paid C. Heyer, Treasurer of Missionary Society, on acct. of moneys rec'd for Miss. fund. | 50 | | | |
| | Carried forward . . . | 6126 | 42 | 6780 | 32 |

*Account continued.*

| 1825. | | Dlls. | C. | Dlls. | C. |
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| | Amount brought forward . . | 6126 | 42 | 6780 | 32 |
| Feb. 23 | To cash paid door-keeper of Synod, session in Albany | 2 | 25 | | |
| Mar. 3 | .. .. paid Professor De Witt . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| 23 | .. .. paid Hopkins & Morris for printing Minutes of Session in Albany . . . . | 14 | 56 | | |
| Apr. 20 | .. .. paid postages of circulars from Board of Corporation, on acct. of May collection . | 8 | 82 | | |
| May 14 | .. .. paid Rev. Jacob I. Sickles, his expenses on commission to Classis of Paramus . | 6 | | | |
| 26 | .. .. paid Timothy Hutton, Treasurer of Missionary Society, amount in hand of Miss. fund | 55 | 79 | | |
| 27 | .. .. paid Rev. C. C. Cuyler, his expenses attending General Assembly of Presbyterian Ch. | 15 | | | |
| | .. .. on loan for 3 months at 6 per cent. being amount in hand of permanent fund . | 1916 | 99 | | |
| | .. Balance of interest due the Treasurer on his advances the past year, at 6 per cent. per annum | 116 | 57 | | |
| | .. Balance due the Treasurer in new account . | | | 1919 | 58 |
| | | 8699 | 90 | 8699 | 90 |
| | To balance due the Treasurer . . . . | 1919 | 58 | | |

(Signed) ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, May* 27, 1825.

Statement of receipts by the Treasurer since the close of his Annual Account on the 27th inst.

| 1825. | | Dlls. | C. |
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| May 28 | By cash from church at Clarkstown, permanent fund . . | 4 | 61 |
| 30 | .. .. from church at Saratoga for Theological College . | 4 | 50 |
| | .. .. from church at Northumberland for contingent fund | 4 | 25 |
| 31 | .. .. from church at Pompton Plains, for permanent fund | 17 | 25 |
| | .. .. from Classis of Bergen, for Minutes . . . | 12 | 75 |
| June 2 | .. .. from Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, a second dividend the past year on his donation of Bergen Turnpike stock | 5 | |
| | .. .. from churches at Middletown and Freehold, for contingent fund . . . . . | 7 | |
| | .. .. from church at New-Shannack for permanent fund | 4 | 50 |
| | .. .. from Classis of Philadelphia for Minutes . . | 5 | 50 |
| 4 | .. .. from churches at Rochester and Warwarsing, for Theological College . . . . . | 5 | 50 |
| | .. .. from John Ogden Dey, a donation to Theo. College | 3 | |
| | | 73 | 86 |

The following is the annual Digest prepared in obedience to the order of the Synod, viz.—

I. AS TO THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

The amount of this fund was estimated to be, on the 23d of March last, $18560: and there was due of interest on this fund on the 1st of May last the sum of $839 51. There was paid from the proceeds of this fund from the 11th of June, 1824, to the 21st of March, 1825, the sum of $685, to eight students in the Theological College. Two of those students belonged to the senior class, and have finished their course at the Seminary. There was a balance in the hands of the Trustees on the 23d of March last, of $170 35, being the amount of the proceeds of this fund remaining unexpended.

II. AS TO THE PROFESSORAL FUND.

The bonds and mortgages belonging to this fund, in the hands of the Trustees of Queens College, amounted on the 23d of March last, to the sum of $9750; and there was due of interest on the same on the 1st of May last, the sum of $705 53. There was paid from the proceeds of this fund, in part of the salary of the late Professor Livingston, the sum of $538 18, on the 21st of August and the 5th of February last; and the Trustees of Queens College by the payment of this amount, had exceeded their receipts of the interest on this fund, in the sum of $36 27; which sum has already been reimbursed to them by the interest since received.

III. LEGACY OF THE LATE MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this fund is $2000, and the interest due on the same on the 1st of May last was $160. On the 23d of March last, there was in the hands of the Trustees of Queens College the sum of $113 46, being the balance of interest received by them on this fund not then expended.

The accounts of the three above mentioned funds have been furnished in detail to your Board by the Trustees of Queens College, and are on file among the papers of the Corporation: they are not presented to the Synod, merely because the above summary is believed to exhibit every particular which is of importance to be communicated to your reverend body.

### IV. INDIGENT STUDENTS.

The order for $450 issued by the Board of Superintendents, prior to June, 1824, has been paid. No order has been made by that Board since that time.

### V. PERMANENT FUND.

Under this head are included all the monies which have been collected and invested, on the subscription for the second Professorship, as well as the monies formerly composing this fund.

A part of the stock in which some of this fund was invested, has been paid off during the past year. The amount of this fund is—

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|---|---|---|
| In stock of the State of New-York, at 6 per cent. | $ 800 00 | |
| .. .. United States, | 3400 00 | |
| .. .. Corporation of N. York. | 700 00 | |
| In individual obligations, some at 6 and some at 7 per cent. | 222,84 79 | |
| In the hands of the Treasurer not yet invested, | 25 26 | |
| Making a total of | | $27,210 05 |
| And its annual product will be about | | 1675 00 |

### VI. COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

During the past year, there have been received from this source,

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|---|---|---|
| For the Permanent Fund, | $205 25 | |
| .. Contingent Fund, | 240 48 | |
| As the twenty-five cent donations, | 223 04 | |
| Other collections for the Theological College, | 373 70 | |
| Making a total of | | $1542 47 |

### VII. CENT SOCIETIES.

The receipts from these during the past year, have been $182 20; of which $87 were for the Permanent Fund.

### VIII. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for minutes during the past year, the sum of $74 05; and there has been paid for minutes the sum of $149 98.

IX. CONTINGENT FUND.

Since the last report of this Board, $380 58 have been paid on this fund, and $314 53 have been received.

X. DONATION OF REV. W. ELTINGE.

The dividend on this donation, amounting to $5, has been received.

XI. DEBTS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

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|---|---|---|
| To the Rev. Professor De Witt, due on the 1st of June next, . . . | $ 437 50 | |
| .. cash due the Treasurer, . . . | 1919 58 | |
| .. .. .. Permanent Fund, . . | 25 26 | |
| | | $2382 34 |

XII. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD FROM MAY 28, 1825, to JUNE 1st, 1826.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Payment of debts, as mentioned above | $2382 34 | |
| 2. Salaries of Professors, . . . | 3325 00 | |
| 3. For contingent expenses . . . | 400 00 | |
| | | $6107 34 |

XIII. ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FROM MAY 28th, 1825, TO JUNE, 1st, 1826, TO MEET THE ABOVE EXPENSES UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. From the Professoral Fund, . . | $650 00 | |
| 2. .. Permanent .. . . . | 1675 00 | |
| 3. .. Mr. Eltinge's donation, . . | 5 00 | |
| 4. .. Cent Society not in aid of the Permanent fund, . . . . | 90 00 | |
| 5. .. Classes for printed minutes . | 75 00 | |
| 6. .. the 25 cent donations and other collections, according to arrrangments now directed by Synod . . . | 1600 00 | |
| | | $4095 00 |

In conclusion of their report, the Board of Corporation respectfully repeat their recommendation to the Synod to continue the presents ystem of obtaining monies, by means of collections and the 25 cent contributions.

*The Board beg leave also to suggest, that they deem it important*

*that they should be clothed with a general authority by the Synod, to adopt measures for the due care, preservation, and management of the property belonging to the Synod.* This suggestion is made in reference particularly to the probable conveyance of the College lot and building at New-Brunswick; and should this event occur, the Board would be the proper body to attend to this valuable property. It is proposed that the authority should be general, that there may be no difficulty in meeting any and every contingency.

The Board of Corporation further beg leave to state, that in their view it will be of essential advantage to the interests of the Reformed Dutch Church, and its Theological Seminary, should the Trustees of Queens College succeed in reviving the same as a literary institution. Between the Trustees and your Board there is entire cordiality; and every information and assistance which have been required, have been cheerfully given. Should the present members be continued in the Board of Corporation, they will be ready to execute, to the best of their ability, any measures which the Synod may direct them to pursue, to aid in securing the full establishment of the College, and in rendering it, through the Divine blessing, prosperous and useful.

The Board are happy to add, that the pecuniary prospects of the Synod were never so promising, and it requires only general, united, and persevering efforts, under the smiles of Providence, to realize the fond hopes of the Church, and to insure the full and lasting support of our Theological Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*
ISAAC L. KIP,
CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Directors.*
S. S. WOODHULL,
ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, May* 27, 1825.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Gabriel Ludlow and Abraham Fort, and the Elder Mathew Oliver, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons, who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation, when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Messrs. Isaac L. Kip, Cornelius Heyer, and the Rev. S. S. Wood-

hull, D. D. were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Heyer was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $5 81, was ordered to be paid.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Correspondence.*

The Rev. George Wack, of the German Reformed Church, being present, and having produced testimonials of his appointment by the Synod of said church, was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member of this Synod.

The Rev. Gardiner B. Perry being present, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took his seat as a corresponding member of the Synod.

The Rev. Jesse Fonda, who was appointed to attend the last meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, brought in the following report:

The undersigned, appointed by the last General Synod to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church, as a Corresponding Member, reports—

That not being able to ascertain the place of meeting, he proceeded in good season as he supposed as far as Philadelphia. In Philadelphia he obtained information that the meeting was to be held at Bedford, two hundred miles in the interior. To reach so distant a place in season, was utterly impracticable; and if it had been practicable, the state of his health did not permit him to undertake such a journey, in a public stage. J. FONDA.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, That they have nothing to communicate on the subject, and that having examined the minutes of the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod, and also the minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, they find nothing which claims the special attention of this body: and whereas a friendly and christian correspondence has for some time been maintained between this body and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian and Synod of the German Reformed Churches, therefore your Committee recommend, that Delegates, as heretofore, be appointed to each of those reverend bodies respectively. ISAAC LABAGH, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, and the Elder Michael Schoonmaker, be delegates *Primarii*, and the Rev. Peter Labagh, and the Elder Frederick Erringer, be delegates *Secundi*, to attend the next meeting of the General Assemby of the Presbyterian Church.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. John Gosman and Jacob I. Schultz, be appointed as delegates from this Synod, to attend the next stated meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Corresponding Delegate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, presented to the Synod several copies of their minutes, and also of the narrative of the state of Religion within their bounds.

The Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, who was appointed to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, brought in the following report:

The undersigned, a Corresponding Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, respectfully reports:

That he has attended the late session of that body—that he was affectionately received and treated, and highly gratified with its proceedings. He has nothing of a special nature to communicate.

CORS. C. CUYLER.

*Albany*, 4*th June*, 1825.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Synodical Reports upon the state of the Churches.*

Synod having spent a season in free conversation on the state of religion, and in special prayer, the Committee on the state of religion prepared and presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the state of religion, respectfully submit the following report:

The General Synod, once more convened in circumstances of great mercy and comfort, rejoice in the occasion which is thus afforded them of speaking to themselves, and to the churches under their care, in relation to the great interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and more especially upon reformed Zion.

We have reason, with fervent gratitude of soul, to make mention of the goodness of the Lord, as manifested in the continued dispensations of his kind and gracious providence. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us—mercy has abounded in the face of much provoca-

tion, and in the midst of deserved wrath, and the desolating judgments of God have not overwhelmed our guilty earth; and we live, too, in a very interesting period of the church and of the world. Christians have been delivered from the darkness of past ages, and they have awakened from the slumbers of more recent years, and their hands have been strengthened, and their hearts have been lifted up, and the arm of the Lord has interposed for the encouragement of his people. The gracious, heart-cheering, promise, "upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," has thus far been realized in the experience of the godly, and must be fulfilled throughout all future generations. The Bible, that blessed book of God, which the angel of the covenant has thus far secured from the destructions of the fire, and the storm, and the tempest, is extending its influence over the face of the inhabited earth; and by the blessing of the great Head of the Church, and through the co-operation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society, and other similar institutions, which have been and which may hereafter be reared up, we have reason to hope will ere long be translated into all the languages of the nations, and address itself directly to the understandings and the hearts of men of every name, and character, and condition, under the face of the whole heaven. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the United Foreign Missionary Society, and other missionary institutions, both domestic and foreign, at home and abroad, are doing much for the establishment and enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom: destitute churches are supplied with the administration of the word and the ordinances; new churches are forming from year to year; the heralds of the cross of Christ, commissioned to preach the Gospel to every creature, are already publishing the tidings of salvation on the islands of every ocean, and on the shores of every country; Societies for meliorating the condition of the Jews—for colonizing the free people of colour, and giving to them the means of religious instruction—Sabbath School and Tract Societies, and many other objects of christian benevolence, are receiving the attention of the churches, and are established and encouraged, and extending their wholesome influence among us; and the union of christian feeling and christian exertion, which characterizes the day in which we live, augurs well for the interests of Zion.

We are happy to state also, for the information of our churches, and to cheer the hearts of our Christian friends, that during the past year various sections of the Presbyterian Church and of other

sister Churches, have been graciously favoured of the Lord with the outpourings of his Holy Spirit. Many have been added to them of such as, it is hoped, will eventually be saved; and we are happy to add, that the church with which we are more immediately connected, has not been forgotten by her Lord and Saviour. Several of our congregations have experienced the special tokens of the Divine presence, and the special blessings of his grace; and among these we would particularly make mention of Niskeuna, in the Classis of Albany—Pompton, in the Classis of Bergen, where forty-one were lately added to the church, as the fruit of a revival of religion which we have reason to hope still continues—and the churches of Saratoga, Northumberland, Union Village, and Easton, in the Classis of Washington, to which we are informed about two hundred souls have been added during the past year.

But notwithstanding these encouraging things, of which we desire to make mention, with gratitude and praise, we have within our bounds much reason for humiliation and prayer. We hear that many iniquities prevail. Horse racing has met with a very alarming encouragement, in various places, and especially on Long Island, and connects with it many abominations, and every species of dissipation; and the sins of intemperance and Sabbath breaking especially constitute matters of complaint from every direction.—Professors of religion are represented, in many parts, as cold, and prayerless, and worldly, and to a very large extent, inactive in the most important duties and exercises of the christian vocation. Religion has declined, there is reason to fear, in the hearts of many professing christians, and we are called to mourn over a sad reverse of what, a few years since, was presented, to bless our eyes, and to gladden and revive our hearts.

Still we would put our trust in the great Redeemer of sinners, who is faithful to his word, and whose grace is powerful, and whose tender mercies are great: and while we would urge upon our own hearts, and upon the churches under our care, solicitously to inquire into the cause of the evils which we experience, we would urge also the importance of the exercise of christian and brotherly love, daily religious and christian fellowship and converse, and fervent, united, and persevering prayer to the great Head of the Church, that he would visit and revive us again, and bestow upon us his rich blessing, to the quickening and sanctification of his people, and to the conversion and salvation of many sinners.

R. BRONK, *Chairman.*

*The following are the Statistical Tables.*

## PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

### Classis of New-York.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| New-York | G. A. Kuypers, D.D. P. Milledoler, D.D. John Knox, D.D. Paschal N. Strong* | 400 | 2000 | 848 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 9 | 844 | 51 | 1 |
| Garden-street | J. M. Mathews, D.D. | 200 | 1000 | 318 | 3 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 339 | 42 | 5 |
| Brooklyn | S. S. Woodhull, D.D. | 140 | 700 | | | | | | | 135 | 30 | |
| German Reformed | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market-street | W. M'Murray, D.D. | 250 | 1200 | 274 | 14 | 29 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 307 | 43 | 3 |
| Greenwich | N. J. Marselus | 146 | 769 | 201 | 4 | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 200 | 26 | |
| North West | George Dubois | 200 | 1100 | | 7 | 19 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 522 | 53 | |
| Bloomingdale | Alex'r. Gunn, D.D. | 56 | | 45 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | 50 | 6 | |
| Haerlem | C. C. Vermeule | 63 | | | 2 | | 1 | | | 51 | 11 | |
| Fordham | John F. Jackson | 50 | | 28 | | 4 | 2 | | | 30 | 10 | |
| Tarry-town and Unionville | Thomas G. Smith | 76 | 279 | 120 | | 9 | 4 | | 3 | 122 | 25 | 1 |
| Courtlandt-Town | Abraham Hoffman | 40 | | | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 5 | 44 | 27 | |
| Staten-Island | Peter I. Van Pelt | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tompkinsville | John E. Miller | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Houston-street | Eli Baldwin | | | 29 | 17 | 13 | | 1 | | 58 | 15 | 2 |
| Broome-street | Robert M'Lean | | | | 35 | 27 | | | | 62 | 22 | 1 |
| African D. Church | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* The Rev. Paschal N. Strong departed this life on the 7th of April, on the Island of St. Croix—the intelligence of which was not received till after the adoption of the Report by the Classis.

### Classis of New-Brunswick.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| New-Brunswick | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Raritan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Six Mile Run | J. S. Cannon, D.D. | 142 | 860 | 186 | 4 | | 6 | | 5 | 183 | 25 | 1 |
| Hillsborough | J. L. Zabriskie | 95 | 600 | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 196 | 28 | |
| Middletown and Freehold | S. A. Van Vranken | 158 | 850 | 111 | | | | | | 118 | | |
| Rockaway | Jacob I. Schultz | 72 | 443 | 100 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 100 | 13 | 1 |
| Lebanon | do. | 140 | 754 | 138 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 138 | 16 | |
| Bedminster | Isaac M. Fisher | 205 | 1200 | | 2 | 28 | 7 | 3 | 3 | | 69 | 2 |
| Spotswood* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minisink and Mahakemack | C. C. Eltinge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walpeck | James G. Force | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Rev. John M'Clure has been removed by death.

## Classis of Bergen.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Bergen | John Cornelison | 170 | 750 | | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 208 | 31 | |
| Hackensack and Schraalenburgh | J. V. C. Romeyn | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Neighbourhood | Gustavus Abeel | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belville | S. Van Santvoord | 116 | 635 | 81 | 2 | 6 | | | 3 | 89 | 15 | 2 |
| Pompton | Jacob T. Field | 150 | | 80 | 2 | 48 | 3 | | 3 | 124 | 27 | 8 |
| Pompton Plains | Ava Neal | 170 | 1100 | 106 | 3 | 5 | | | 2 | 112 | 18 | |
| Stone-house Plains | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | H. B. Stryker | 189 | 1049 | 75 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | | 78 | 12 | |
| Ponds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wyckoff | Z. H. Kuypers | 59 | | | 9 | | | | 3 | 35 | | |
| Preakness | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Montville | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## Classis of Paramus.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Tappan and | N. Lansing | 181 | 876 | 211 | | | | | | | | |
| Clarkstown | | 159 | 918 | 252 | | | | | | | | |
| Paramus and | W. Eltinge | 170 | 1030 | 219 | | 20 | | | 7 | 230 | 19 | |
| Totowa | | 180 | 1130 | 110 | 3 | 13 | 1 | | 4 | 125 | 29 | 3 |
| Kakeat and Ramapo | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Achquachinunck | P. D. Fræligh | 240 | 1200 | 153 | 6 | 30 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 164 | 148 | 1 |
| Warwick | John I. Chrystie | 75 | 93 | 93 | 3 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 95 | 8 | 3 |
| Hackensack & Schraalenburgh | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddle River & Paschack | S. Goetschius. | 126 | 610 | 158 | | | | | | | | |

## Classis of Long-Island.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| New-Utrecht | John Beattie | | | | | | 1 | | | 85 | 10 | |
| Gravesend | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatlands and New-Lots | Wm. Crookshank | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatbush | T. M. Strong | 80 | 650 | 120 | 1 | 8 | | | 3 | 126 | 15 | |
| Bushwick | S. H. Meeker | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newtown | J. Schoonmaker | 84 | 550 | 95 | | | 3 | | | 92 | 12 | |
| Jamaica | do. | 112 | 700 | 93 | | 1 | 2 | | 4 | 87 | 87 | 1 |
| Success | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newhempstead and Oysterbay | David S. Bogart | | | | | | | | | | | |

## Classis of Philadelphia.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
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| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd On Certificate. | Rec'd On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| First R. D. Ch. | J. Brodhead, D. D. | 280 | 1450 | 480 | 4 | 40 | 18 | 7 | 9 | 490 | 65 | 18 |
| First R. D. Ch. Spring Garden. | | 40 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harlingen | Peter Labagh | 145 | 1000 | | | 18 | | 2 | | 215 | 25 | 1 |
| New-Shannack | Gabriel Ludlow | 140 | 700 | | 2 | 21 | 1 | | | 125 | 34 | 1 |
| North and Southampton | Jacob Larzalere | 110 | 610 | | 3 | 20 | 2 | | | 70 | 45 | 2 |
| North Branch Dist. of Columbia | Peter Studdiford | | | | | | | | | | | |

# PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

## Classis of Ulster.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. Number of families. | Census. Total of the Congregation. | Communicants. In Communion per last Report. | Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate. | Communicants. Rec'd On Confession. | Communicants. Dismissed. | Communicants. Suspended. | Communicants. Died. | Communicants. Total in Communion. | Bapt. Infants. | Bapt. Adults. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montgomery | Jesse Fonda | 335 | 2050 | 457 | 2 | 20 | 4 | | 5 | 470 | 37 | 1 |
| Saugerties | H. Ostrander | 200 | 1200 | 220 | | 12 | | 2 | 6 | 226 | 35 | 1 |
| Flatbush | P. A. Overbagh | 124 | | 154 | | 31 | | | 9 | | 71 | 11 |
| Shawangunk | A. D. Wilson | 250 | 1467 | | | 6 | 3 | | 4 | 139 | 39 | |
| New Prospect | Do. | 72 | 600 | | | 4 | | | 1 | 62 | 12 | |
| Marbletown | J. H. Carle | | | | 3 | 22 | | | | 85 | 7 | 3 |
| Ashokan | Do. | | | | | | | | | 50 | 2 | |
| Berea | J. B. Ten Eyck | 100 | 500 | 67 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | 1 | 70 | 11 | |
| New Paltz | W. R. Bogardus | 210 | 1254 | 155 | | 9 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 154 | 49 | 1 |
| New Hurley | Do. | 159 | 926 | 118 | | 5 | 2 | | | 121 | 27 | 1 |
| Mamakating | No Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bloomingburgh | S. Van Vechten | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester, Wawasing, Clove | J. Murphy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodstock | No Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bloomingdale | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverdam | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Esopus | B. Van Keuren | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hurley | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |

## Classis of Albany.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. Number of Families. | Census. Total of the Congregation. | Communicants. In Communion per last Report. | Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate. | Communicants. Rec'd On Confession. | Communicants. Dismissed | Communicants. Suspended. | Communicants. Died. | Communicants. Total in Communion. | Bapt. Infants. | Bapt. Adults. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albany | J. Ludlow | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2d Church, Albany | J. Ferris | 197 | 960 | 223 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | 7 | 223 | 17 | |
| Coxsackie | G. R. Livingston | 240 | 1700 | 542 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 534 | 44 | 1 |
| Oakhill | S. Ostrander | 80 | 400 | 55 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 63 | 8 | |
| Boght | J. B. Steele | 76 | | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 4 | | 100 | 10 | |
| Washington and Gibbonsville | R. Bronk | 77 | 410 | | 2 | 8 | 1 | | 2 | 48 | 4 | 3 |
| Bethlehem | S. Kissam | 140 | 800 | | 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 200 | 20 | 2 |
| Coeymans | Do. | 80 | 500 | | 1 | 6 | | 2 | 3 | 120 | 10 | 2 |
| 1st Ch. Rotterdam | J. Searle | 100 | | | | 5 | 1 | 2 | | 31 | 6 | 6 |
| 2d do. do. | Do. | 116 | | | | 11 | | 1 | 3 | 79 | 13 | 1 |
| Beaverdam | C. Bogardus | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Princetown, Helderbergh | J. B. Hardenbergh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem, Jerusalem | H. Van Keuren | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amity, Niskeuna | T. Romeyn | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basick | H. Fort | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2d Ch. Glenville | E. Singerland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Ch. do. | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |

## Classis of Poughkeepsie.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd On Certificate. | Rec'd On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Poughkeepsie | Cor C. Cuyler | 300 | 1800 | 336 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 342 | 10 | 3 |
| Hopewell | Thomas De Witt | 90 | | 154 | 3 | 6 | | | 2 | 158 | 16 | 3 |
| New Hackinsack | Do. | 110 | | 158 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | 3 | 157 | 8 | 8 |
| Fishkill | C. D. Westbrook | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fishkill Landing | Wm. S. Heyer | | | 75 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 81 | 13 | 1 |
| Hyde Park | F. H. Vanderveer | | | 73 | | 2 | | | 1 | 74 | 5 | |
| Kingston | John Gosman | 280 | 1760 | 343 | 2 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 355 | 26 | |
| Rhinebeck Flats | David Parker | | 182 | 1020 | | 6 | 1 | | 7 | 175 | 14 | |
| Red Hook | Andrew N. Kittle | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Linlithgo | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenbush } Tachkanick } | Herman Vedder | | | | | | | | | | | |

From the Classes of Rensselaer, Washington, and Montgomery, no reports have reached General Synod.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Synodical Appeals.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Synodical References.*

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes Report to General Synod:

That they find nothing in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, claiming the attention of this Synod.

That your Committee find on the Minutes of the Synod of Albany, the names of Ransford Wells, recommended by the Classis of Rensselaer, and John McKelvy, recommended by the Classis of Washington, and by the Particular Synod of Albany their recommendations have been transmitted to the General Synod.

Your Committee further notice on the Minutes of the last session of the General Synod, a resolution on page 49, directing the Classis of Albany to require of the Rev. Mr. Searle a full and explicit statement in writing, of his views and opinions on certain points of doctrine, and that the said Classis report the same to the

General Synod at their present session. Your Committee recommend an inquiry respecting the fulfilment of this resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. SLUYTER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*—That so much of the above report as relates to Ransford Wells and John McKelvy, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*The Committee on Overtures* reported that no business had come before them.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Church Government.*

The following reference to Synod was received from the Classis of New-York :

"*Resolved*—That it be respectfully suggested to General Synod, whether in the administration of discipline, some milder method than is contemplated in the form of excommunication, of separating from the church, delinquent members not chargeable with gross immorality, might not profitably be adopted.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"ELI BALDWIN,

"*Stated Clerk of the Classis of New-York.*"

*Resolved*—That this Synod deem it inexpedient to take any measures to effect the alteration submitted by the Classis of New-York in the discipline of the Church.

## ARTICLE X.

### *Doctrines and Morals.*

The Classis of Albany, in compliance with a direction of the Synod of 1824, presented a written statement of the views and opinions of the Rev. Jeremiah Searle, upon certain points of doctrine submitted to him, which statement was *unanimously* pronounced by Synod as satisfactory, and is as follows :

"My views and opinions," says Mr. Searle, "are required upon the following points of doctrine."

"1st. The eternal Sonship of the second person of the adorable Trinity.

"I believe that Jesus Christ is equal with the Father in every divine perfection—that he is in essence Jehovah, the self-existent

God—that he is called the Son of God on account of his relation to the Father, by whom he is begotten, and that he was from all eternity the Son of God.

"2d. The imputation of the guilt of Adam's sin to all his posterity, as their federal head and representative.

"I believe that Adam was constituted by God as the federal head of all his posterity, and that his sin is so imputed to our race, that all men are included under guilt and condemnation.

"3d. The substitution of the Mediator in the room and stead of his elect people, as their federal head and representative.

"The doctrine of substitution I firmly believe, and I believe that the eternal Son was ordained of the Father to be the federal head and representative of his elect people, in the covenant of grace, and was substituted in their place to bear the curse of the law, and that the righteousness of Christ imputed to the elect, is the only ground of their justification before God.

"4th. The extent of the atonement or satisfaction of Jesus Christ.

"On this point I know of no language which expresses more clearly my views and opinions, than that of the 3d and 8th articles of the second head of doctrine, in the canons of our church, which is as follows:

"The death of the Son of God is the only and most perfect sacrifice and satisfaction for sin, is of infinite worth and value, abundantly sufficient to expiate the sins of the whole world.

"It was the will of God that Christ, by the blood of Christ, whereby he confirmed the new covenant, should effectually redeem out of every people, tribe, nation, and language, all those, and only those who were from eternity chosen to salvation, and given to him of the Father, that he should confer upon them faith, which, together with the other saving gifts of the Holy Spirit, he purchased for them by his death, should purge them from all sin, both original and actual, whether committed before or after believing and having faith, fully preserved them even to the end, should at last bring them, free from every spot and blemish, to the enjoyment of his glory in his own presence for ever."

"I would further observe, that I believe from my heart most fully, the doctrines of the Reformed Dutch Church, as these are exhibited in her standards, not only upon the subjects above named, but upon every other subject.

"JEREMIAH SEARLE."

The Committee to whom was referred the opinions of the several Classes, (See p. 8,) on the subject of marrying a deceased wife's

sister, reported, and their report having been discussed at considerable length, a decision thereon was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

The report is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the several Classes on the question of the lawfulness of marrying a deceased wife's sister, report—That from the Classis of Long-Island no report has been received.

That a diversity of sentiments on the subject is found among those who have reported. As the Synod, by their resolutions require a statement of opinions from the Classes, together with the reasons on which they rest, a brief sketch, as furnished by them, will not be improper.

The Classis of New-York viewing it to be a doubtful case urge attention to the general principle; let every man be thoroughly persuaded in his own mind.

The Classis of New-Brunswick decline an expression of views, on the two-fold ground that legislation on an abstract question is inexpedient, and that any expression of sentiment, would have a direct tendency to distract our ecclesiastical councils, instead of promoting harmony of views.

The Classis of Philadelphia cannot come to any decision on the subject at present; and therefore recommend that the law be continued as it now stands.

The Classis of Poughkeepsie deem it a doubtful case, and passing on from the principle to the form in which the matter ought to be put, recommend that each minister be left to act according to his own discretion and conscience, and that those who are already united in these bonds, ought not to be debarred from sealing ordinances for themselves or children.

The Classis of Albany think there is no clear, unequivocal prohibition, and that to make matters not involving moral turpitude, or points of doctrine, not asserted in our standards, tests of communion, and matters, which subject to discipline is calculated to wound and disturb the feelings of many worthy members, and injure the general interest of religion.

The Classis of Paramus advocate the present rule, because both scriptural and expedient, without entering into details or illustrations.

The Classes of Bergen and Rensselaer assign reasons for retaining the canon at length. They may be summed up under the following heads:

1. The reality of the relations established by affinity, and the

continuance of these relations after the decease of the person through whose marriage they were formed.

2. The construction given to the law, allowed to be yet in force, contained in Leviticus, chap. xviii.

They consider nearness of kin to be the principle of prohibition, and deem a deceased wife's sister, (the relation whose legality is contended for) to be as intimate as that of a deceased husband's brother, which is prohibited expressly in the 16th verse of this chapter, and the 21st verse of the 20th chapter.

They contend that although the marriage of a deceased wife's sister is not forbidden in *express words*, they see no alternatives but the following—either that we deny that the law is obligatory on females at all, because the prohibitions are addressed to the male, or that we assert that the relations reciprocal to these *expressly* prohibited, are also prohibited, and *that the degree within which it is unlawful to marry being specified* by the very letter of the law, God has, by annexing the key to the whole list of prohibition, viz. nearness of kin, clearly expressed his will on the point.

3. That the 18th verse, if construed on general and usual principles of interpretation, instead of admitting by implication of marriage within the degree, is a prohibition of polygamy.

The Classis of Montgomery advocate the repeal of the canon, on the ground that there is no positive precept in the word of God; and add, if any such inference may be drawn from what is said on this subject, that the puuishment is disproportionate to the offence, which they view rather as an offence against delicacy and propriety, than the express word of God.

The Classis of Ulster advocate the repeal, deeming that in the original institution of marriage a general license was granted, as it respects the objects of matrimonial choice; that the laws of Leviticus were introduced as modifications of the original law; that in this law there is nothing that strictly forbids, or ought to be construed by implication to forbid, the contemplated connexion; that the two cases, marriage to a brother's widow, and marriage to a deceased wife's sister are not parallel; that the Canaanites, whose corrupt practices God's people were warned not to imitate, were not in the habit of marrying the deceased wife's sister, and that the introductory clause to the exceptions of Leviticus xviii. was not intended as a rule of interpretation, but a general prohibition to be interpreted by the specifications under it, among which the case of a deceased wife's sister is not found. They think that, on account of existing prejudices, such connexion ought to be discountenanced; but that the

existing law, as extending to the offspring of such a connexion are too strong, and unwarrantably severe.

The Classis of Washington rest their desire for a repeal on the inferential character of the argument on which it is grounded; the supposition that if it had been the design of God to forbid it, there would have been something more than inference—something express on the subject, either in the Old or New Testament, and that the 16th verse of the 18th Lev. may be considered as a law against adultery.

After what has been done by Synod on a former occasion, in relation to the case, in view of the remarks and arguments which will be elicited by any resolution your committee might recommend, and the probability that the decision now called for will be made in the light of the discussion at hand—your Committee deem an array of argument on their part unnecessary, and would close by simply recommending the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to modify or repeal the existing acts of Synod on the subject.

JAMES ROMEYN, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XI.

*Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*Queens College*

The following communications were received from the Trustees of Queens College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

*23d March*, 1825.

The Committee appointed to examine and liquidate the amount to be paid to each of the incumbents on the Van Benschoten fund, report, that they have examined into the state of the Van Benschoten fund, and find that this fund has sustained losses, so that at least one thousand five hundred dollars of the principal of the fund has been

sunk. That the present income of that fund is about one thousand dollars per annum, and that the amount paid to the present incumbents is nine hundred and forty dollars per annum .To reimburse the principal, this sum, your Committee are of opinion, is much too small. The present incumbents are eight in number, two of which will be licensed at the end of the present year, leaving six incumbents for the next year. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz. :

1. That two of the incumbents be placed on the Miss Knox fund for the next year.

2. That this Board inform General Synod, that until the principal lost of the Van Benschoten fund be made good from the balance of interest, they cannot provide for more than six on that and the Miss Knox fund annually.

3. That each incumbent receive the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars annually, except Cornelius Van Cleef, who has uniformly received one hundred dollars.

4. That the balance of interest annually be made principal of the Van Benschoten fund, and loaned out on bond and mortgage until the principal of that fund is made good.

J. R. HARDENBERGH,
JOHN L. ZABRISKIE, } *Committee.*
PETER LABAGH,

Which report was accepted, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to attend the next meeting of the General Synod, to communicate with them on the subject of the Theological and Literary institutions; and Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh and were appointed said Committee.

*Tuesday, May 24th*, 1825.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Queens College it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to devise some plan relative to the revival of the literary department of Queens College, to be submitted to the General Synod for their approbation—and Messrs. Fonda, Hardenbergh, Van Nest, Ludlow, and Frelinghuysen were appointed such Committee, with instructions to report this afternoon.

*Wednesday, May 25th*, 1825.

Rev. J. Fonda, from Committee appointed yesterday, made the following report, viz. :

The Committee appointed to devise some plan relative to the revival of the Literary department of Queens College, to be submitted to General Synod for their approbation, Report :

That in their opinion, the speedy revival of the Literary exercises in Queens College is highly important to the prosperity of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church ; and they would therefore recommend, if the plan suggested in this report should be successfully pursued, that the General Synod be respectfully requested and earnestly urged, as soon as practicable, to adopt measures in connexion with this Board, to put the whole of this establishment in both its Theological and Literary departments, in complete operation.

To enforce this recommendation, your Committee beg leave to state, that under the proposed full organization of the Institution, the annual expenses would amount to about $8250, while the receipts, if the subscriptions for the endowment of the third Professorship were now completed and realized, would probably not exceed $6830, leaving an annual deficiency of $1420. This deficiency, however, your Committee verily believe, might be met by the twenty-five cent donations and other collections.

The great subject of interest as your committee conceive, in relation to this matter, is to secure by the most prompt and energetic measures the subscriptions necessary to the endowment of the third Professorship, and they fondly hope, that the General Synod will not suffer so important a cause to languish in their hands, but will with new zeal and additional strength, apply to the Churches within the bounds of the Synod of Albany for the aid which the Seminary needs, and which the Churches can, and when properly solicited will afford ; and inasmuch as these subscriptions are payable in five equal yearly payments, so that this fund can be but gradually realized in the support of the Seminary. Your Committee further recommend, that a Committee be now appointed to wait on the Consistory of the Church of New-York, and to solicit from them an appropriation of $1700 a year for the period of three years, to be paid whenever they shall be informed that the Committee appointed for that purpose shall have obtained subscriptions to the amount of $25,000, for the endowment of a third Professorship.

That thus the Synod in connexion with the Board of Trustees of Queens College, may at once be able to pursue such measures as are necessary to the complete organization of the institution. Your Committee are aware, that the Consistory of New-York have already done much; but notwithstanding all they have heretofore done, your Committee have a good hope that that Church, blessed with ample funds, and with officers and members disposed to apply those funds to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, will attentively and feelingly listen to the loud cries of our necessities and not suffer the whole establishment to languish and die for the want of prompt and efficient aid. And they therefore recommend that application as above stated be immediately made.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. FONDA, *Chairman.*

Which said report, after being read and approved of, was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Queens College, May 28th, 1825.

JAMES S. NEVIUS, *Secretary.*

In conformity with the recommendation in the above report stated, it was resolved by the Board that a Committee of nine be appointed, to wait on the Consistory of the Church of New-York, and solicit from them the appropriation mentioned in said report—and the Rev. *J. Fonda*, *J. De Witt*, *D. D. J. Brodhead*, *D. D. C. C. Cuyler*, *J. Ludlow*, *Peter Labagh*, *S. S. Woodhull*, *D. D.*, *J. Hardenbergh*, and *A. Howell* were appointed said Committtee, with instructions to repair to New-York to-morrow, and confer with the said Consistory of the Church of New-York on the subject.

J. S. NEVIUS, *Secretary.*

At a Meeting of the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, held May 30th, 1825—

*Resolved*, That when the full sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall have been subscribed, within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, for the endowment of a third Professorship, and when the General Synod, and the Trustees of Queens College shall

have fully organized, and carried into effect, the theological and literary departments of the College, then this Board will pay in quarterly payments, commencing from the day of inauguration of such third Professor of Theology, the sum of seventeen hundred dollars per annum, for three successive years, to the treasurer of General Synod, for the support of such third Professor; it being expressly understood, that such payment is to be made only when the conditions herein specified shall be completed, and not otherwise.

*Extract from the Minutes,*
CORNELIUS BOGERT, *Clerk.*

*Resolved,* That the Rev. John Knox, D. D. John Ludlow, and Thomas De Witt; and the Elders J. R. Hardenbergh, and Isaac Heyer be a committee to digest and prepare a plan to be laid before the General Synod at their adjourned meeting, for the revival of Queens College.

*Resolved,* That the Board of Corporation be empowered to apply to the legislature of New-Jersey, for an act enabling them to hold property in that state.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### *Professorate.*

The Rev. Isaac Ferris, in consequence of his removal from the bounds of the Classis of New-Brunswick, within the bounds of the Classis of Albany, resigned his seat in the Board of Superintendents and the Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken was chosen to supply his place.

The Rev. Peter I. Van Pelt was chosen to supply the vacancy in the Board of Superintendents, occasioned by Dr. Milledoler's having become a Professor in the Theological school.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate report: That the various subjects referred to them have received their serious and deliberate consideration.

The first and most important of these subjects is the communication, from the Board of Trustees of Queens College, accom-

panied with the generous offer of the Consistory of New-York. On this subject which so deeply involves the interest and the future prosperity and enlargement of the Church, your Committee fully believe that the time is come when the Theological and Literary Institution, which has been the subject of so many anxieties and prayers of our fathers, and of ourselves, is now to be established upon a permanent and respectable foundation, or else to drag along a precarious existence, weak and sickly, until it dies never to revive. The influence of such an event upon the character of the Reformed Dutch Church, and upon the interests of religion is too painful for your committee to contemplate. It cannot be that in the present age of enterprise and Christian liberality the sons of our reformed Zion would suffer the brand of degeneracy to be stamped upon them. What has been already done within the bounds of the Southern Synod, and what is now the generous offer of the Consistory of New-York, is consoling evidence that there is a spirit of attachment to the Church, and zeal for the promotion of its interest, which yields to none. Within the Synod of Albany, there are ample means; God has blessed them with wealth, and your Committee cannot hesitate to believe, that they will be willing to honour God with their substance, in blessing the Churches with their liberal donations. The Synod of Albany, which embraces the largest section of the whole Church, your Committee cannot believe will consent to be behind their southern brethren, in any measures in which the honour and the interests of the Church are so deeply involved. It requires nothing more than a combined and strenuous effort to ensure success; the object is completely within our power; our means are ample, and the voice of Providence, and the voice of the Church, unitedly call to exertion. The consequences of a failure in this object, your Committee cannot contemplate without painful emotions; it would damp the spirit of the South; it would spread a gloom over our prospects, and excite a jealousy, which is the bane of Christian and brotherly confidence; those tender and affectionate ties by which the different sections of our Church are bound together would be weakened; such consequences are to be deprecated and avoided; the harmony and integrity of the Churches are to be maintained by the united exertions of the whole body.

The sum of $25,000 is now required, to carry into complete effect the original plan of this Synod in relation to the Theological College, as well as to realize the liberal donation of the Consistory of New-York. That respectable body to whom the gratitude of the

Churches is due, will give 1700 dollars a year for three years, whenever the above sum shall have been subscribed for the third Professorship, and the whole establishment, Litèrary and Theological, shall be in full operation. The time for vigorous exertion is therefore now come, and every friend to our reformed Zion is now called upon to lend his active aid.

The Synod of New-York have already raised by subscription $26,000 for the second Professorship, and more than $4000 for other purposes connected with the Institution: the Committee would therefore earnestly recommend, that agents be immediately appointed to open subscriptions in all the Classes under the jurisdiction of the Synod of Albany, which agents shall proceed with all possible expedition to fulfil the object of their appointment, and that it be enjoined upon such agents to finish their work, and report to the President of this Synod by the last of August next. The Committee would further recommend, that this Synod hold an adjourned session at New-Brunswick, on the second Wednesday in September next, in order that if God in his providence should give success to the agents, this Synod may immediately proceed to the appointment of a third Professor, and thus accomplish the object to which the desires and prayers of the Church have been so long directed, and with which the prosperity of the Church is so intimately connected.

Three applications for the benefit of the Van Benschoten Funds have been referred to your Committee. They beg leave to recommend Mr. Ransford Wells, from the congregation of Catskill, his application being prior to the others, and such being the circumstances of those funds, that any further recommendation could not be fulfilled by the Board of Trustees during the present year.

From the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, it appears that the annual examination of the different Classes was held on the 25th and 26th of May last. The Board express themselves highly gratified with the exhibition of the talents and attainments of the students, and of their correct and pious deportment during the session. In the midst of the severe and trying afflictions with which your Junior Professor has been visited, your Committee rejoice to learn, that he has been supported, and comforted, and sanctified by his Divine Master, and thus enabled to be faithful and useful to his charge. For some time the whole labour of the College devolved on him, in consequence of the death of the venerable Senior Professor; and such has been his zeal and indefatigable attention, as in the opinion of your Committee,

to entitle him to the thanks of the Synod. It further appears from the Minutes of the Board of Superintendents, that four young men having completed the term of study, have been recommended for Professoral Certificates, in order to licensure. Upon the whole, the prospects of the Seminary are encouraging: another Professor has been added, and your Committee cordially unite with the Board of Superintendents in commending it to the care and blessing of the Head of the Church; we hope it is a pure and healthful fountain, which will water and gladden the City of our God.

From the report of the Board of Corporation, your Committee are pleased to learn, that the finances of this Synod wear an encouraging aspect, and that the present system of raising funds, promises ultimate success. Your Committee recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be, and hereby is empowered to take care of, and manage all the property, real and personal, of General Synod, so as to preserve it from loss and injury, and increase its productiveness during the pleasure of Synod.

*Resolved*, That similar collections to those recommended by Synod last year, be, and hereby are directed and enjoined to be made in the several congregations within the jurisdiction of Synod during the current year.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of General Synod, it would be premature at present to set on foot a subscription under the authority of Synod, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a Theological Library.

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman*.

The following persons were appointed the *Agents* contemplated in the above report, viz.:

For the Classes of Albany, Rensselaer, and Washington, Rev. John Ludlow and Jeremiah Searle, and Messrs. Abraham Van Vechten, John J. Ostrander, James V. S. Riley, Jacob Switz, Christian Miller, and Abrm. Van Dyke.

For the Classis of Montgomery, Rev. Abraham Van Horne, Peter Labagh, John F. Schermerhorn, Peter P. Rouse, and Mr. John Ingold.

For the Classis of Poughkeepsie, Rev. C. C. Cuyler and S. S. Woodhull, D. D. and Messrs. Abraham Van Nest and John V. B. Varick.

For the Classis of Ulster, Rev. Jesse Fonda and John Gosman,

and Messrs. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Isaac Jennings, and John H. Johnson.

Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Isaac Heyer, Jacob R. Hardenbergh, and Abraham Bloodgood, were appointed a Committee to visit the Classes of Paramus and Bergen, (excepting the Church at Bergen) and the congregations of Brooklyn, New-Utrecht, Gravesend, Flatlands, New Lots, Bushwick, Jamaica, Oysterbay, and North Hempstead, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions in those places for the Professorate Fund.

*Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, earnestly requested of all the Ministers of the Synod of Albany, to facilitate to the utmost of their power, the efforts of the agents appointed by Synod to procure the endowment of a third Professorship in the Theological School.

*Resolved*, That the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary be directed to meet for the opening of the School on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of September next.

## ARTICLE XV.

*Students in Theology.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVI.

*Church Visitation.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

*Prevailing Sins.*

(See Article vi.)

## ARTICLE XVIII.

*Missions.*

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions respectfully report:

That the only document which has been committed to them is the annual report of the Missionary Society of our church. The amount of receipts during the year past was $2856 42; and the amount of expenditure $2450 25, being a balance on hand of

$406 17. Eleven Missionaries have been employed, and by their labours, under the blessing of God, (it is believed,) good has been done in building up weak congregations, and in advancing the general interests of the church. As the report of the Missionary Society is distributed among our churches, it is useless and improper to advert to its details. Your committee would therefore only recommend its interesting and important contents to all the friends of our Reformed Dutch Church. It is pleasing to observe an improvement in the finances of the society as indicating an increasing degree of interest in its success. Still that interest is not proportionate to the value and claims of the object of this society. Information is collected concerning the state and wants of the church, in all its extent; our young men leaving our Theological Seminary have fields of usefulness opened, and means of employment furnished to them within our immediate connexion; feeble congregations are assisted in their efforts to obtain, and support the ministry of the gospel under which they become prospered and increased; the bond of interest and affection between the different parts of our church becomes stronger and closer; and new energy and harmony are imparted to the whole system of measures employed for our general prosperity and welfare. From a cursory inspection, it appears, that only forty-five of our congregations have contributed as such either through auxiliary societies, or by collections. What a sad proportion have failed in their privilege and duty? How many of our wealthy and most favoured congregations are delinquent? Are not ministers most in fault in not attending to this subject? Surely, we are not insensible to the claims this cause makes upon us? Surely, we have not forgotten the national motto of our forefathers: "Union creates strength!" United contribution as well as united exertion. It is hoped, no minister will allow his congregation to remain unnoticed in the treasurer's report of next year, among those who have contributed to the funds of the Missionary Society of our church. In such a case how increased will become the means? how enlarged the operation? and how beneficent the influence? It should be distinctly remembered by ministers and consistories, that the General Synod have ordered annual collections to be taken up in such congregations, where auxiliary societies have not been established.

All which is submitted.

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

The Rev. John Gosman preached the annual missionary sermon before the Synod from Isa. 55. 10, 11. in the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of Synod.

The Rev. John De Witt, D. D. was appointed to preach the annual missionary sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Thomas De Witt was appointed his *secundus*.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### *Widows' Fund.*

The Committee on the Widows' Fund made a verbal statement of their proceedings, and were continued.

## ARTICLE XX.

### *Particularia.*

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod be authorized to furnish the Board of Superintendents with a copy of the Constitution of the Church, and as full a set of the Minutes of Synod as can be collected by him.

*Resolved*, That a number of copies of the Minutes of the Acts and Proceedings of General Synod, sufficient to furnish each student in the Theological Seminary with one copy, be transmited to the Professors of the school.

*Resolved*, That six copies of the Minutes of General Synod be hereafter annually transmitted by the stated Clerk to the German Reformed Synod for their use.

The Rev. Dr. Milledoler, from the Committee appointed by Synod in February last, for the purpose, reported the following, which was adopted as a suitable inscription to be placed upon a monument over the grave of the late Professor Livingston.

**SACRED**

TO THE MEMORY

OF THE

**Rev. John H. Livingston, D. D., S. T. P.**

Born at Poughkeepsie, State of New-York, May 30th, 1746.

Educated for the Ministry at the University of Utrecht, in Holland.

Called to the Pastoral Office of the Reformed Dutch Church in New-York, 1770.

Appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in America their Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in 1784,

And elected to the Presidency of Queens College, New-Jersey, in 1810.

*There*, in performance of the duties of his office, and blessed in the enjoyment of mental energy, high reputation, and distinguished usefulness, he suddenly, but sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, January 20th, 1825, in the 79th year of his age, the 55th of his Ministry, and the 41st of his Professoral labours.

In him,

With dignified appearance, extensive erudition, almost unrivalled talents as a sacred orator and Professor, were blended manners polished, candid, and attractive, all enobled by that entire devotion to his Saviour, which became such a servant to yield to such a Master.

In token of their gratitude for his services, and veneration for his memory, the General Synod have ordered this monumental stone to be erected.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Professor Milledoler, Rev. Dr. Cannon, and Messrs. Jacob R. Hardenbergh and John I. Labagh, be a Committee to cause a monument to be placed over the grave of the late Dr. Livingston, with the above recited inscription.

The Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken was appointed to deliver a Sermon at the opening of the Session of Synod, to be held in New-Brunswick in September next.

## ARTICLE XXI.

*Pastoral Letter.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXII.

*Synodical Archives.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and Close.*

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk publish 750 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New-Brunswick, on Wednesday the 14th day of September next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. BRODHEAD, *President.*
JOHN GOSMAN, *Adsessor.*
WILLIAM CROOKSHANK, } *Clerks*
THOMAS M. STRONG, } *pro. tem.*

*Official copy from the original Minutes,*
JOHN KNOX,
*Stated Clerk.*

☞ The collections which Synod have directed to be made in all the Churches under their care, are:

For the Theological College, on the first Sabbath of November.

For the Permanent Fund, on the first Sabbath in May.

For the Contingent Fund, on the first Sabbath in January.

For the Missionary Fund, (in all those congregations where auxiliary societies do not exist,) on the first Sabbath in September.

The twenty-five cent contribution is requested to be made on the last Sabbath in December.

☞ Through inadvertency, the printed Minutes of the Extra Session of Synod, held in Albany last winter, are dated *January* 16, instead of *February* 16, the time when the meeting of Synod was held.

# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

# Reformed Dutch Church,

CONVENED

## IN EXTRA SESSION AT ALBANY,

ON WEDNESDAY, ~~JANUARY~~ 16, 1825.

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No. 48 Pine-street.

1825.

# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church,

CONVENED IN EXTRA SESSION AT ALBANY,

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1825.

## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

The Synod was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Thomas De Witt, the President of Synod.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, Rev. Messrs. N. I. Marselus and George Dubois.

Elders, Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Abraham Bloodgood, and Everardus Warner.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Messrs. Samuel A. Van Vranken and Isaac Ferris.

Elder, Mr. Henry Van Arsdalen.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Ava Neal.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

None.

5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker.

Elder, Mr. James Laremore.

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

None.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Messrs. B. C. Taylor, I. N. Wyckoff, and P. S. Wynkoop.

Elders, Messrs. P. Ostrander, H. L. Van Dyck, and W. Schuneman.

2. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Messrs. A. I. Switz, M. W. Dwight,* and Philip Duryee.

Elder, Mr. J. L. Viele.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Messrs. H. Ostrander, and J. Fonda.

Elders, none.

4. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Messrs. P. P. Rouse and J. F. Schermerhorn.

Elder, Mr. Peter Swart, jun.

5. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Dr. John M. Bradford, and Rev. Messrs. C. Bogardus and S. Kissam.

Elders, Messrs. J. R. Bleecker, A. Van Dyck, and J. I. Ostrander.†

6. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Messrs. C. C. Cuyler, C. D. Westbrook, and T. De Witt.

Elder, Mr. Joseph Harris.

* Rev. Jacob D. Fonda, the Secundus, occupied the seat a part of one day.

† Took his seat on the second day.

ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. T. De Witt, President.
Rev. C. C. Cuyler, Adsessor.
Rev. S. Kissam and N. I. Marselus, Clerks.

## ACTS OF SYNOD.

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ARTICLE XIV.

*Professorate.*

The President communicated to Synod a constitutional request, which he had received, to call a special meeting of Synod "for the purpose of electing a professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church."

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, as presiding officer of the board of Superintendents, announced the sudden departure out of this life of the venerable Professor Livingston, and that that event took place at New-Brunswick, on Thursday morning, the 20th of January last, between the hours of seven and eight o'clock. The following resolution relative to the death of Dr. J. H. Livingston, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove by death, on the 20th of January last, our late venerable friend and father in the Lord, the Rev. John H. Livingston, D. D., S. T. P., in the 79th year of his age, the 55th of his ministry, and 41st of his labours as Professor of Theology; this Synod, deeply impressed with the sentiment that believers, and especially able and faithful Ministers of the Gospel, "are the salt of the earth;" and that it is a Christian duty to lament their loss, and cherish their memory,—do resolve:

That they deeply lament the providence which has removed a man, greatly beloved, and highly useful:—That they desire, in humble submission, to "be still, and know" that God hath done it:—That they bless "the God of Israel," who hath spared him so long, made him so eminently useful, and given him so easy and happy a passage to the kingdom of glory, full of years, full of honours, and full of faith:—That they will ever cherish the most respectful and affectionate regard for a name and memory so dear.

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, and Rev. Messrs. Philip Duryee and C. D. Westbrook; and the Elders, Messrs. Abraham Van Dyck and Abraham Bloodgood, were appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of preparing a monumental stone, with a suitable inscription, to be erected over the grave of the Rev. Dr. Livingston, late Professor in our Theological School.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed, &c. *Report*—That they do recommend the erection of a monument to the memory of Professor Livingston, with a suitable inscription in the Latin and English languages; and that two Ministers and an Elder of the city of New-York, and one Minister in the vicinity of New-Brunswick, together with Professor De Witt, be a committee to prepare a draft of one or more forms of monuments, with an estimate of their probable expense, together with a form or forms of inscription proposed to be engraven thereon; and that said committee report the same to the next ordinary meeting of Synod, for their selection and approbation.

P. Milledoler, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That Rev. Drs. Cannon, Milledoler, Kuypers, and De Witt, and the Elder Col. Rutgers, be the committee contemplated in the preceding report.

*Resolved*, That in view of the solemn and peculiar occasion which assembles this Synod, we will now spend a season in

special prayer, for the blessing of God; and that the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, Rev. Dr. P. Milledoler, and Rev. P. Duryee, be requested in turn to lead in the devotion.

*Resolved,* That this Synod do now proceed to appoint a Professor, as successor to the late Professor Livingston.

A number of candidates were then nominated for the Professorship. On the same day the Synod proceeded by ballot to reduce that nomination to two; and on the next day, (after special prayer,) of these to elect a Professor. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler was elected the Professor.

Whereupon it was *resolved unanimously,* That the Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler be, and hereby is elected professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*Resolved,* That the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker and Jesse Fonda, and the Elder H. Van Dyck, be a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler of the result of this election, and ascertain, if possible, whether he accepts the appointment.

The Committee, having performed the duty assigned them, reported—That the Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, in the fear of God, and in humble reliance on Divine support, and the kind co-operation of his brethren in the Lord, accepts the appointment.

*Resolved,* That the salary of the Professor now elected be $1,575, together with the use of one of the wings of the college edifice.

*Resolved,* That the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, be inaugurated into his office in the Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, on the last Wednesday in May next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and that in addition to the inaugural address to be delivered on that occasion by the Professor, the

Rev. Dr. S. S. Woodhull be and is hereby appointed to preside and deliver a sermon, and the Rev. C. C. Cuyler to deliver a charge to the Professor; and that the Rev. Dr. J. Brodhead be appointed secundus to the Rev. Dr. Woodhull, and the Rev. Dr. W. M'Murray, as secundus to the Rev. C. C. Cuyler.

*Resolved,* That Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh, A. Van Nest, and I. Heyer, be a committee to take measures for the removal of the Professor elect.

The Doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $2 25, was ordered to be paid.

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ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and Close.*

The Minutes were read and approved.

*Resolved,* That the Stated Clerk publish seven hundred copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of Albany on the first Wednesday of June, 1825, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THOMAS DE WITT, *President.*
CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *Adsessor.*
NICHOLAS I. MARSELUS, } *Clerks.*
SAMUEL KISSAM, }

*Official copy from the original minutes.*

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

THE

# ACTS & PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

# Reformed Dutch Church

# IN NORTH AMERICA,

AT

NEW-BRUNSWICK, SEPT. 1825.

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1825.

## ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in North America, convened, according to adjournment, in the City of New-Brunswick, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five. The Session continued from the fourteenth day of September to the sixteenth day of September inclusive.*

# FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, the President of Synod. A Sermon was preached in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Zech. iv. 6. by the Rev. S. A. Van Vranken, who had been previously appointed for that purpose.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Eli Baldwin, Dr. S. S. Woodhull, and George Dubois.

Elder, Isaac Heyer.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. John L. Zabriskie, Samuel A. Van Vranken, and Dr. James S. Cannon.

Elders, Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Aaron Smock, and John Frælinghuysen.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Ava Neal, Gustavus Abeel,* and Herman B. Stryker.
Elders, Isaac Kingsland, Richard Cadmus.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltrige.
Elder, Edo Marselus.

5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. William Crookshank, Thomas M. Strong, and Stephen H. Meeker.
Elders, Abraham Terhune, and Michael Schoonmaker.

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Dr. Jacob Brodhead, Peter Labagh,† and Gabriel Ludlow.
Elders, John Wyckoff, Dr. Henry H. Schenk, and John W. Hall.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston, and Robert Bronk.
Elders, Christian Miller, and Jacob Ten Eyck.‡

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Jacob Sickles, Richard Sluyter, and James Romeyn.
Elders, William Hendricks, Eph. Best, and Joseph Horton.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, Benjamin Van Keuren, and William R. Bogardus.

* Obtained leave of absence after the second day of the Session.

† The Rev. Peter Steddiford, the *Primarius*, took the seat on the afternoon of the first day of the Session; when the Rev. Philip Duryee was substituted in the place of Mr. Labagh, in the Committee on the Professorship.

‡ Took his seat in the second day of the Session.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda, Philip Duryee, and Abraham I. Switz.

Elder, William Knickerbacker.

5. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John Gosman, Thomas De Witt, and William S. Heyer.

Elders, John H. Johnson, Thomas I. Storm, and Isaac A. Knevels.

6. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Isaac S. Ketchum, and Peter P. Rouse.

The Rev. Professors Milledoler and De Witt were also present during part of the sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D. President.

Rev. John Gosman Adsessor.

Rev. William Crookshank, and Thomas M. Strong, Clerks *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of Minutes.*

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod were read.

## ACTS OF SYNOD.

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ARTICLE III.

*Communications.*

The following Communications were received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

The Committee appointed to visit the Classes of Albany, of Rensselaer, and of Washington, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions and donations to endow a third Professorship in the Theological College of New-Brunswick—Report the following as the result of their labours:

*Classis of Albany.*

THE R. P. D. C. IN ALBANY.

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| Stephen Van Rensselaer, | $1000 00 | |
| Abraham Van Vechten, | 250 00 | |
| John R. Bleecker, | 500 00 | |
| Barent Bleecker, | 250 00 | |
| Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jun. | 500 00 | |
| Charles D. Townsend, | 250 00 | |
| Teunis Van Vechten, | 300 00 | |
| Harmanus Ten Eyck, | 250 00 | |
| Catherine Gansevoort, | 250 00 | |
| John Brinckerhoff, | 250 00 | |
| Matthew Trotter, | 250 00 | |
| Robert Dunbar, Jun. | 250 00 | |
| Conrad Gansevoort, | 250 00 | |
| Margaret Van Schaick, | 250 00 | |
| John D. P. Douw, | 250 00 | |
| Nicholas Bleecker, | 100 00 | |
| Jacob H. Ten Eyck, | 100 00 | |
| Volckert P. Douw, | 100 00 | |
| Egbert Egberts, | 100 00 | |
| Isaac Fondey, | 50 00 | |
| J. Winne, | 50 00 | |
| Jacob Mancius, | 50 00 | |
| John S. Van Rensselaer, | 50 00 | |
| | | 5650 00 |

*The Church at Coxsackie.*

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|---|---|---|
| Leonard Bronk, | 600 00 | |
| Philip Conine, Jun. | 100 00 | |
| Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston, | 100 00 | |
| Van Dyck & Bronk, | 150 00 | |
| Mrs. Mary Conine, | 20 00 | |
| Mrs. Amanda Cuyler, | 50 00 | |
| Henry Houghteling, Jun. | 25 00 | |
| Carried forward, | $1045 00 | $5650 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $1045 00 | $5650 00 |
| Peter Houghteling, | 60 00 | |
| Peter C. Bronk, | 60 00 | |
| Leonard Conine, | 50 00 | |
| Baltice Van Slyck, | 50 00 | |
| Barent Van Slyck, | 50 00 | |
| Teunis P. Van Slyck, | 50 00 | |
| Andreas A. Van Slyck, | 80 00 | |
| John Spoon, | 25 00 | |
| Martin G. Van Bergen, | 50 00 | |
| Abraham Van Bergen, | 50 00 | |
| Anthony Van Bergen, | 75 00 | |
| Abraham Hallenbeck, | 25 00 | |
| Isaac A. Hallenbeck, | 35 00 | |
| Walton Street, | 20 00 | |
| Anthony M. Van Bergen, | 20 00 | |
| Jonas Bronk, | 50 00 | |
| Martin Hallenbeck, | 15 00 | |
| John Van Schaack, | 25 00 | |
| Jacob Johnson, | 25 00 | |
| Dirk Spoon, | 30 00 | |
| John M'Cagy, | 20 00 | |
| Peter J. Bogardus, | 10 00 | |
| Isaac Lumpman, | 10 00 | |
| Matthias R. Hallenbeck, | 10 00 | |
| George Mandavelt, | 10 00 | |
| Henry Adams, | 20 00 | |
| Abraham H. Houghteling, | 20 00 | |
| Conrad Houghteling, | 20 00 | |
| Ephraim Bronk, | 10 00 | |
| Peter Van Slyck, | 10 00 | |
| Edmund Wells, | 20 00 | |
| Abner Wakely, | 10 00 | |
| Casper Collyer, | 25 00 | |
| Henry Van Der Bergh, | 10 00 | |
| | | 2095 00 |

SECOND R. P. D. C. IN ALBANY.

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| By the Consistory, | 500 00 | |
| Rev. Isaac Ferris, | 250 00 | |
| Simeon De Witt, | 125 00 | |
| Christian Miller, | 125 00 | |
| Richard V. De Witt, | 250 00 | |
| Henry J. Linn, | 125 00 | |
| Carried forward, | $1375 00 | $7745 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $1375 00 | $7745 00 |
| Rev. John E. and Wm. C. Miller, . | 125 00 | |
| Gideon Hawley, for self, and Anna Lansing, . . | 100 00 | |
| Margaret Pruyn, . . . . | 100 00 | |
| E. R. Satterlee, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Margaret Quackenbush, . . . | 200 00 | |
| Mary Van Schaick, . . . . | 100 00 | |
| Benjamin Knower, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| | | 2100 00 |

*The Churches of Bethlehem and Coeymans.*

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|---|---|---|
| Rev. Samuel Kissam, . . . | 100 00 | |
| William N. Sill, . . . . | 100 00 | |
| David Burhans, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Peter Westervelt and Wm. More, . | 50 00 | |
| Caty P. Van Wie, . . . | 30 00 | |
| John Boucher, . . . . | 30 00 | |
| Michael Niven, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Polly Beeker, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Jehoiakim Veeder, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Conrad Soop, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Cornelius Van Der Zee, . . . | 50 00 | |
| Herman A. Van Der Zee, and John Van Antwerp, . . | 50 00 | |
| Henry Van Der Zee, . . . | 50 00 | |
| Garret Hogan, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| John Van Allen, Jun. . . . | 25 00 | |
| Garret Van Allen, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Joshua Wynkoop, . . . . | 20 00 | |
| Edward Haswell, . . . . | 20 00 | |
| Andrew Van Slyck, . . . | 60 00 | |
| Teunis B. Van Slyck, . . . | 50 00 | |
| Peter B. Van Slyck, . . . | 50 00 | |
| | | 885 00 |

*The Church at Schenectady.*

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|---|---|---|
| Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, . . | 50 00 | |
| By the Consistory, . . . . | 500 00 | |
| | | 550 00 |
| Carried forward, | | $11280 00 |

Amount brought forward, $11280 00

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

*The Church at Kinderhook.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| James Vanderpool, | 200 00 | |
| Rev. Jacob Sickles, | 100 00 | |
| Teunis Harder, | 50 00 | |
| Ephraim Best, | 100 00 | |
| John G. Philip, | 50 00 | |
| Peter I. Best, | 100 00 | |
| Isaac Van Alstyne, | 50 00 | |
| Adam Van Alstyne, | 50 00 | |
| Henry Van Vleck & Co. | 100 00 | |
| Peter Van Buren, | 50 00 | |
| John I. Pruyn, | 25 00 | |
| Francis Silvester, | 30 00 | |
| Laurence Van Dyck, Jun. | 25 00 | |
| Nicholas Harden, | 50 00 | |
| Barent Van Slyck, | 25 00 | |
| Margaret Huyck, | 50 00 | |
| Peter H. Bain, | 50 00 | |
| William Bain, | 25 00 | |
| John Hilton, | 25 00 | |
| Adam Shoemaker, | 50 00 | |
| Peter Harder, | 50 00 | |
| John A. Shoemaker, | 50 00 | |
| Henry Shoemaker, | 50 00 | |
| David Best, | 50 00 | |
| William N. Harder, | 25 00 | |
| Lucas I. Van Alen, | 50 00 | |
| Wendel Pulver, | 25 00 | |
| Peter Van Alstyne, | 75 00 | |
| James Van Alen, | 50 00 | |
| John A. Staats, | 25 00 | |
| John I. Dingman, | 25 00 | |
| Jacob Bortle, | 25 00 | |
| L. M. & Albert Goos, | 25 00 | |
| Stephen Wendover, | 25 00 | |
| Henry L. Van Dyck, | 30 00 | |
| Cornelius I. Van Alen, | 50 00 | |
| Levi Glezen, | 25 00 | |
| Abraham G. Van Hosen, | 10 00 | |
| John Manton, | 25 00 | |
| Carried forward, | $1995 00 | $1128 000 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $1995 00 | $11280 00 |
| Jonas Rockefellow, | 15 00 | |
| Peter Van Alen, | 15 00 | |
| John I. Mesick, | 5 00 | |
| | | 2030 00 |
| *The Church at Claverack.* | | |
| Rev. Richard Sluyter, | 100 00 | |
| Henry & Alexander Van Rensselaer, | 25 00 | |
| Stephen Miller, | 20 00 | |
| Anthony Boucher, | 50 00 | |
| Henry W. Snyder, | 25 00 | |
| Michael S. Miller, | 10 00 | |
| Matthias A. Melham, | 25 00 | |
| William Z. Hulsupple, | 25 00 | |
| Peter Rhoda, | 25 00 | |
| R. Henry Van Rensselaer, | 25 00 | |
| Henry P. Snyder, | 25 00 | |
| Henry Livingston, | 250 00 | |
| Harman Sagendorph, | 25 00 | |
| James Philip, | 25 00 | |
| Henry G. Philip, | 25 00 | |
| Robert A. Van Deusen, | 25 00 | |
| Henry R. Ham, | 10 00 | |
| Andrew S. Miller, | 20 00 | |
| John Poucher, | 10 00 | |
| Henry P. Van Rensselaer, | 20 00 | |
| Maria H. Van Rensselaer, | 25 00 | |
| Henry Skinkle, | 10 00 | |
| Cash, | 15 00 | |
| | | 815 00 |
| *The Church at Catskill.* | | |
| Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, | 250 00 | |
| By the Consistory, | 500 00 | |
| | | 750 00 |
| *The Church at Schodack.* | | |
| Marte Buckman, | 200 00 | |
| John I. Schermerhorn, | 25 00 | |
| John I. Van Alstyne, | 25 00 | |
| Michael G. Niven, | 30 00 | |
| Derick Van Vliet, | 15 00 | |
| Eve Schermerhorn, | 50 00 | |
| Philip L. Schermerhorn, | 20 00 | |
| Cash, | 50 00 | |
| | | 415 00 |
| Carried forward, | | $15290 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $15290 00 |

*The Church at Ghent.*

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| John C. Hogeboom, . . . | 150 00 | |
| Martin & William Harder, . . | 100 00 | |
| George T. & Teunis G. Snyder, . | 50 00 | |
| John N. Harder, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| A. A. Van Buren, . . . . | 20 00 | |
| | | 345 00 |

*The Church at Nassau.*

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| Rev. James Romeyn, . . . | 100 00 | |
| By the Congregation, . . . | 200 00 | |
| | | 300 00 |

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

*The Church at Schaghticoke.*

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| Rev. Abraham J. Switz, . . . | 100 00 | |
| John Knickerbacker, . . . | 50 00 | |
| William Knickerbacker, . . . | 50 00 | |
| Jacob Quackenbush, . . . | 25 00 | |
| John Van Vechten, . . . . | 100 00 | |
| Benjamin Webster, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Cash, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| | | 360 00 |
| Rev. Jacob D. Fonda, Pastor of the Congregations at Union Village and Easton, . . . . . | 100 00 | |
| | | 100 00 |
| Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, late Pastor of the Congregations at Greenbush and Bloominggrove, . . . . | 125 00 | |
| | | 125 00 |
| | | $16520 00 |

From the foregoing, it appears that the whole amount of subscriptions obtained in the Classes of Albany, of Rensselaer, and of Washington, is sixteen thousand five hundred and twenty dollars. But a number of the Congregations in the bounds of these Classes, from want of time, have not been visited; who, it is believed, when called on, will, according

to their ability, follow the example of their sister Churches. Your Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the spirit of liberality which he has excited among her friends and members; and to him they desire to ascribe all the glory of the signal success which has attended their efforts toward the accomplishment of an object so intimately connected with the prosperity of Zion.

J. Ludlow, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed to solicit subscriptions within the bounds of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, for the endowment of a third Professorship in the Theological College of the Reformed Dutch Church, report the following as the result of their labours.

*Subscriptions of Ministers.*

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| John Gosman, . . . . | $250 00 | |
| Thomas De Witt, . . . | 250 00 | |
| Cornelius C. Cuyler, . . . | 250 00 | |
| William S. Heyer, . . . | 150 00 | |
| Herman Vedder, . . . | 50 00 | |
| | | 950 00 |

*Subscriptions of Consistories, and of Individuals in Congregations.*

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| Consistory of New Hackensack, | $250 00 | |
| Jacob Van Benschoten, a member of the Consistory, . . . | 1500 00 | |
| | | 1750 00 |
| The Consistory of Poughkeepsie, the interest of . . . . during the ministry of their present pastor, which it is confidently hoped will be rendered permanent. | 1000 00 | |
| Consistory of Hopewell, . . . | | 360 00 |
| Carried forward, | | $3060 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $3060 00 |
| *Fishkill.* | | |
| Richard Rapalye, . . . | $ 20 00 | |
| James Given, . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Jacobus Swartwout, . . . | 10 00 | |
| Elizabeth Van Wyck, . . . | 5 00 | |
| John Anthony, . . . . | 5 00 | |
| Abraham Dubois, . . . | 5 00 | |
| Jerome Scofield, . . . . | 3 00 | |
| | | 58 00 |
| Consistory of Kingston, . . . | | 750 00 |
| *Fishkill Landing.* | | |
| Margaret Schenck, . . . | $ 250 00 | |
| Elizabeth De Wint, . . . | 50 00 | |
| Isaac A. Knevils, . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Peter C. De Wint, . . . | 25 00 | |
| Albert Chrystie, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| Cash, . . . . . | 5 48 | |
| | | 405 48 |
| In the Congregations of Greenbush and Taghcanick, . . . . . | | 78 50 |
| | | $ 4351 98 |

Of the above subscriptions the Committee have received in cash, and paid over to the Treasurer of General Synod, the sum of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty-five cents.

The Committee desire to be thankful for the success with which they have been honoured in the fulfilment of their commission. The Lord has manifestly smiled upon the work in which they have been engaged, and they wish to render the glory to his name. They however deeply regret that their success has not been more complete. If all the congregations had been influenced by the same spirit by which some of them were animated, the most sanguine hopes which have been entertained would have been more than realised. Of this the General Synod will be enabled to judge by adverting

to a list of the Congregations composing the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

CORNELIUS C. CUYLER.
S. S. WOODHULL.
ABRAHAM VAN NEST.
JOHN V. B. VARICK.

*New-Brunswick*, 14*th Sept.* 1825.

The Committee appointed by General Synod, at their session in Albany in June last, to obtain subscriptions in the Classis of Ulster, for the endowment of a third professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, report,

That efforts have been made for the accomplishment of the proposed object in all the congregations where there was the smallest prospect of success, and the following is the result of their exertions:

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| 1. From the Minister and Church of Montgomery, . . . . | $1250 00 | |
| 2. From the Minister and Church at Shawangunk, . . . . | 790 00 | |
| 3. From the Minister and Churches of New Paltz and New Hurley, | 650 00 | |
| 4. From the churches of Hurley and Marbletown, . . . . | 310 00 | |
| 5. From the churches of Rochester and Warwarsing, . . . | 485 00 | |
| 6. From the Minister and Church at Saugerties, . . . . | 347 00 | |
| 7. From the minister at Flatbush . | 50 00 | |
| 8. From the Minister and Church at Bloomingburgh, . . . | 250 00 | |
| 9. From the Minister of the Church of Berea, . . . . | 25 00 | |
| | | $4157 00 |

Your Committee beg leave to add that application has been made to the church of Berea, that the subject was to be acted on at a meeting of the congregation, which has since

been held; your Committee have not been officially informed of the result of that meeting, but have obtained satisfactory information that an appropriation has been made, and from conversation with leading individuals, your committee cherish a hope that from that enterprising church $500 will be realized—making the whole amount $4657

Your Committee further state that subscription papers have been left with the different ministers, with a view of obtaining small subscriptions, such as your Committee had not time to procure, by which they trust all losses, which may be sustained in collecting the above subscriptions, will be met, so that, as they verily believe, the whole amount of $4638 will be realized from that Classis.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. Fonda, *Chairman.*

The Agents appointed to obtain Subscriptions for the Third Professorship within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery beg leave to report the following sums as the result of their efforts:

*Schoharie.*

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| John Ingold, . . . . . | $100 00 | |
| Peter Swart, Jun. . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, . . | 50 00 | in books. |
| Alexander Boyd, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Peter Swart, . . . . . | 30 00 | |
| William Dietz, . . . . . | 30 00 | |
| Henry Becker, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| William Becker, . . . . . | 25 00 | |
| John Becker, . . . . . | 20 00 | |
| Douw B. Slingerland, . . . . | 30 00 | |
| Harman Becker, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Adam P. Vroom, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Rev. Winslow Page, of the Church of Broome, . . . . . | 50 00 | |
| Carried forward. | ——— | 480 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | | $480 00 |

*Florida.*

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| Peter P. Rouse, | 50 00 | |
| Henrick Vanderveer, | 50 00 | |
| George Bradshaw, | 50 00 | |
| Henrick Staley, | 20 00 | |
| George Lasher, | 30 00 | |
| Daniel Schuyler, | 10 00 | |
| Peter Youngs, | 15 00 | |
| John P. and Garret Radley, | 20 00 | |
| John and Abram Devenpeck, | 10 00 | |
| Jacob Johnson, | 10 00 | |
| John I. Schuyler, | 10 00 | |
| Lewis Carlisle, | 5 00 | |
| George Warwick, | 5 00 | |
| Christian and John C. Serviss, | 10 00 | |
| Charles Patison, donation | 5 00 | |
| Samuel Jackson, do. | 10 00 | |
| Sarah Covenhoven, | 10 00 | |
| John Vandeveer, | 5 00 | |
| Tunis Hubbar, | 5 00 | |
| William Schuyler, | 10 00 | |
| Benjamin Bellengill, | 10 00 | |
| John Quackenbush | 10 00 | |
| Minister and Congregation, | 360 00 | |
| | | 720 00 |

*The Church of Glen.*

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| Jacob S. Glen, | 50 00 | |
| Catherine Glen, | 20 00 | |
| Catherine Hasbrouck, | 50 00 | |
| Alexander Sheldon, | 6 00 | |
| | | 126 00 |

*The Church of Caughnawaga.*

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| Rev. Abraham Van Horne, | 50 00 | |
| Evert Yates, | 20 00 | |
| Henry Fonda, | 20 00 | |
| William D. Smith, | 20 00 | |
| John Veeder, Jun. | 5 00 | |
| Jacob F. Starer, | 20 00 | |
| Carried forward, | $135 00 | $1326 00 |

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| Amount brought forward, | $135 00 | $1326 00 |
| John Veeder, . . . . . | 15 00 | |
| Abraham A. Van Horne, . . | 20 00 | |
| Giles Fonda, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Giles H. Fonda, . . . . . | 20 00 | |
| | | 200 00 |
| *The Church of Manheim.* | | |
| Henry Markell, . . . . . | 20 00 | |
| *The Church of Palatina.* | | |
| John Frey, . . . . . | 10 00 | |
| Gertrude Newkirk, . . . | 10 00 | |
| | | 40 00 |
| | | 1566 00 |

Of which sum 185 dollars have been paid in.

The Committee cannot forbear to express their grateful sense of the goodness of the great Head of the Church, in the success which has attended their efforts; it is greater than they expected. and they were highly gratified in witnessing the cheerfulness and liberality with which the subscriptions were made. Your Committee believe that a sum nearly, or quite equal to that already subscribed, might still be obtained within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery, provided speedy and proper exertions be made.

PETER LABAGH,
J. F. SCHERMERHORN,
PETER P. ROUSE.

The following extract from the minutes of the Board of Superintendents was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee appointed to revise the whole plan of the studies of the Theological College, and to suggest a course of anniversary exercises, report the following:

That the whole course of instruction consist of Natural, Didactic, Polemic, and Practical Theology. Biblical literature, including Critica Sacra, Hermeneutica Sacra, Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography, and the Original Languages. Ecclesiastical History, including Chronology, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology.

That the studies of the first year, or junior class, be Critica Sacra, Biblical Antiquities. Sacred Geography, Composition, and the Original Languages.

That the studies of the second year be Didactic and Polemic Theology, Hermeneutica Sacra, so much of Pastoral Theology as belongs to the composition and delivery of a Sermon; Ecclesiastical History, and the Original Languages continued.

That the studies of the third year be Didactic and Polemic Theology; Pastoral Theology; Ecclesiastical History; Church Government, Hermeneutica Sacra, and the Original Languages.

That a general revision of former studies be required at the close of each year; and that there be anniversary exercises, in which each member of the senior class shall bear a part, under the direction of the Professors.

*Resolved* That the Board of Superintendants deem it important that a text book be adopted in this institution, which shall be used in the course of instruction, on Didactic and Polemic Theology, and that Mark's Medulla be the said text book.

*Resolved*, That the above report be referred to General Synod for their approbation.

S. S. Woodhull, *President.*

G. R. Livingston, *Secretary, pro tem.*

*New-Brunswick, Sept.* 14, 1825.

ARTICLE IV.

*Board of Corporation.*

*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be a Committee to make a statement, to be issued from the press, and circulated as extensively as possible through the churches. in which the state of the finances, the present arrangements, the prospects and wants of the church, shall be exhibited, accompanied by such considerations and motives as may be calculated to keep alive that liberal spirit which, it is believed, cannot fail to secure all that support which may be necessary to carry into full operation the plans of the Synod, in relation to the Literary and Theological College.

The Door-keeper's bill, amounting to $7 47, was ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE V.

*Correspondence.*

Twenty-five copies of the Minutes of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, were laid on the table, and distributed among the several classes.

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ARTICLE X.

*Doctrines and Morals.*

The Report presented to Synod in June last, by the Committee on the subject of marrying a deceased wife's sister—the decision on which was postponed until the present meeting of Synod, was considered; and the question being taken upon the resolution recommended by the committee, viz.—"*Resolved, that it is inexpedient to modify or repeal the existing acts of Synod on the subject,*" it was decided in the *negative.*

The following resolution was proposed, and after being discussed at considerable length, the farther consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting of General Synod: "Resolved, That so much of the acts of the General Synod, passed in the years 1797 and 1815, recorded on page 264, in the appendix to our Constitution, as directs the churches to exclude from sealing ordinances the persons contemplated by those acts, be, and the same is hereby repealed."

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ARTICLE XIII.

*Queens College.*

Rev. Dr. Woodhull, and Messrs. Isaac Heyer and Jacob R. Hardenburgh, were appointed a Committee to draft an application to the Legislature of New-Jersey, for an act enabling the corporation of Synod to hold property in that state. The Committee reported a draft of such application, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the President of Synod, and presented to the Legislature by the Board of Corporation.

The Committee appointed to digest and prepare a plan for the revival of Queen's College, brought in the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom it was referred to digest and prepare a plan for the revival of Queen's College, respectfully recommend to Synod to take measures for the due ratification of the following articles between them and the Trustees of Queen's College, for the attainment of the contemplated object.

1. The literary exercises of Queen's College are to be revived as early as may be practicable; and for that purpose the General Synod agree to allow the Trustees the use of such parts of their building in New-Brunswick, lately purchased from the Trustees by Synod, as shall be designated and pointed out by the Professors as necessary for the said exercises, during their continuance.

2. The Professors of the Theological College shall have such literary duties assigned them in Queen's College, by the General Synod, as the Synod shall deem best calculated to promote the mutual interest of both institutions.

3. The Trustees of Queen's College shall, without delay, appoint one Professor of Languages, and one Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, for said College; and may hereafter appoint such additional Professor or Professors, with the advice and consent of the General Synod, as may become necessary, and the funds and income of said College will warrant.

4. One of the Professors of the Theological College shall be appointed the President of Queen's College by the Trustees thereof.

5. The income of the funds arising from the Donations of the Rev. E. Van Benschoten, and Miss R. Knox, deceased, shall be applied to the support of indigent Students in the Literary and Theological departments of the College, according to such regulations as the General Synod and Board of Trustees have established, and may hereafter establish, to carry into effect the benevolent intent of the donors.

6. The salaries of the Professor of Languages and Mathe-

matics shall be paid by the Trustees out of the funds and tuition money of Queen's College; and the overplus, if any, shall be disposed of in such manner as the Trustees and General Synod shall mutually determine; but the concurrence of the General Synod shall be necessary to fix or alter the amount of the said salaries.

7. The Trustees of Queen's College shall appoint the Treasurer of General Synod as *their* Treasurer, who shall have the care and custody of the funds exclusively belonging to Queen's College, and the income arising from tuition money in the said College; and at the end of every session, or oftener, if required, render a full and correct statement of the state of said funds and income, and the payments by him made therefrom, and the objects to which the same have been applied, to the Board of Corporation of General Synod.

8. The General Synod shall pay the salaries of the Theological Professors, including the President of Queen's College, out of the funds or income of the Theological College, so far as shall be requisite after the payment by the Trustees of Queen's College, of the annual proceeds of the Professoral fund, to the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology; and in case the income of Queen's College shall at any time prove inadequate to pay the salaries of the Professor of Languages, and Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, the General Synod shall make up such deficiency.

9. The General Synod and the Trustees shall each appoint three persons who shall be called the Board of Superintendents of Queen's College, whose duty it shall be to advise with the Faculty, and prescribe the course of studies in said College, and all such regulations relative to the government and discipline thereof, as they shall deem best calculated to promote its permanent interest and usefulness; and that the said Superintendents shall respectively hold their offices during the pleasure of those by whom they were appointed.

10. Should it so happen that the funds and income of Queen's College prove inadequate to sustain it, and the General Synod not have funds to spare for its support without impairing the funds of the Theological College, the General

Synod reserves the power of dissolving the connection as above formed with Queen's College.

Your committee further recommend, that agreeable to the foregoing Articles of union between the Trustees of Queen's College and the General Synod, in their corporate capacity, the following shall be the outline of the plan according to which the literary institution shall be modelled.

## I.—*Of the College.*

1. The Board of Trustees shall make application at the next session of the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, to change the name of the College from Queen's to ———.

2. To render the course of Education in Queen's College more beneficial, the whole number of pay Students shall at no time exceed 100, who shall be divided into four classes, according to the mode adopted in other Colleges.

## II.—*Of the Professors.*

1. The following shall be the Branches assigned to the Professors of the Theological College in the Literary department.

The Professor of Didactic Theology, to be Professor of Moral Philosophy, and Evidences of Christianity.

The Professor of Biblical Literature, to be Professor of Belles Lettres, Elements of Criticism, and Logic.

The Professor of Church History, &c. to be Professor of Metaphysics, and the Philosophy of the Human Mind.

2. The Professor of Languages in the Literary department, shall attend to the instruction of the students in the Theological College in the grammatical knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek Languages.

3. The President, Professors, and Tutors, shall compose the Faculty of the College, to whom shall be committed the administration of the government in the literary department, according to such rules and regulations as the Board of Superintendents of Queen's College shall prescribe; and shall have power to decide in all matters of discipline, and to inflict such punishment upon offending members as a majority

of the whole may determine, and the said rules and regulations require.

4. The salary of the Professor of Languages, and the Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, shall be fixed at $1500 per annum.

### III.—*Devotional Exercises.*

The General Synod and the Board of Trustees, deeply sensible of the importance of instilling the principles of Christianity into the minds of the rising generation, and to this end to render the institution under their care most beneficial to the community, by promoting the interest of morals and religion, as well as the progress of science, mutually determine, that besides the literary exercises during the week, to be prescribed by the Board of Superintendents of Queen's College, and regular attendance morning and evening upon prayers, by the students in both departments, there shall be

1. On every Lord's day, at such time of the day as the Faculty may determine, a recitation of all the students in the Literary department, in the Bible, in such manner and form as the said Faculty shall require.

2. These recitations shall be conducted by the President, in the presence of all the Theological Professors and Professor of Languages, or by the President and Professors alternately, as the President may direct.

3. In addition to the Biblical recitation, there shall be on each Lord's day one discourse delivered in the Theological Hall, by one of the Theological professors, or the professor of Languages, if he be a minister, at which it shall be the duty of all the students in the College to attend.

4. It will be desirable, as soon as may be, that the public discourses in the Theological Hall, by the said professors, on the Lord's day, shall consist of courses of Lectures on the fundamental doctrines and principles of the Christian religion, sanctioned and received by the Reformed Churches, and adapted, as far as may be, to the students in the literary department.

5. The students in the literary department, besides attending one public exercise in the Theological Hall. on each Lord's day, shall attend during the remainder of the day at any church in the city of New-Brunswick which they may choose.

IV.—*Division of the College Year.*

1. The Collegiate year shall be divided into three sessions or terms of study.

2. The first session shall commence on the 15th of September, and shall continue to the 21st of December.

The second session shall commence the 7th of January, and continue to the 7th of April.

The third session shall begin on the 1st of May, and continue to the 3d Wednesday of July—when the annual Commencement shall take place. If any of these dates should fall upon a Sabbath, then the sessions to commence on the Monday following.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

Rev. Messrs. Duryee, Livingston and Sluyter, were appointed a Committee to request the concurrence of the Theological Professors in the preceding report.

The Committee reported that the Professors approve the plan submitted, with the understanding that the two principal vacations shall be simultaneous in the Literary and Theological Seminary; and their Report was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Rev. Messrs. Sickles and Gosman, and Mr. Michael Schoonmaker, were appointed a Committee to communicate the preceding report to the trustees of Queen's College, and to confer with said trustees in the premises.

The Committee presented the following as their Report—

"*Resolved*, That Messrs. Eltinge, Brodhead and Elmendorf, be a Committee to communicate to the Committee of

General Synod, that this Board have accepted and adopted the report presented by them this morning.

"*A true extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees.*

"JAMES S. NEVIUS, *Secretary.*"

JACOB SICKLES, *Chairman.*

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the blank in the report of the Committee on the subject of reviving Queen's College, in relation to the name of the College, be filled with the word *Rutgers.*

The Rev. Drs. Woodhull and Milledoler, and Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh were appointed a Committee to inform Col. Henry Rutgers that General Synod, as a mark of their respect for his character, and in gratitude for his numerous services rendered the Reformed Dutch Church, have resolved to connect his name with the College located in New-Brunswick, and that the same be called Rutgers' College.

The Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, and Isaac L. Kip, were appointed on the part of Synod, who, together with a like number of persons appointed by the trustees of Queen's College, shall constitute the Board of Superintendents of the College.

*Resolved,* That the Board of Superintendents of Queen's College be directed to meet on the call of the Rev. James B. Hardenbergh.

ARTICLE XIV.

*Professorate.*

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to report, on the several subjects referred to them,

I.—*On the subject of the Third Professorship.*

It appears from the reports of the different committees, appointed to take up subscriptions for the third professorship, that the sum of twenty six thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars have been bona fide subscribed, payable in money; and that from the congregation at Berea, five hundred dollars may reasonably be calculated on; and also that the congregation at Poughkeepsie have subscribed the sum of sixty

dollars per annum, during the ministry of the Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler. And they further report, that the amount contemplated having been subscribed, they recommend that the Synod immediately proceed to the appointment of a third Professor in the Theological College.

2. On the subject of the plan of the whole course of Instruction in the Theological college, referred by the Board of Superintendents to the General Synod for their approbation, your committee would recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the said plan of the whole course of instruction in the Theological College, be and is hereby approved of, and adopted.

3. On the subject of a dispensation, earnestly requested in behalf of Mr. John McKelvey, for one or two years, as the professors may decide, your committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Mr. John McKelvey's request for a dispensation, as to the time of study in our Theological school, be granted.

In relation to the reference to your committee, as to the vacations in the Theological Seminary, and in the Literary Institution, your committee recommend the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That there be the same vacations in the Theological Seminary, as are mentioned and have been adopted in the plan as to Queen's College—that the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary be and hereby are directed to meet for the annual examination of the students, on the first Tuesday of April ; and that the next stated meeting of the said Board be held on that day, in the city of New-Brunswick, at 12 o'clock at noon.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. Eltinge, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod do now proceed to appoint a Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology.

A number of candidates were then nominated for the professorship. On the same day the Synod proceeded by ballot to reduce that nomination to two; and on the next day, (after special prayer,) of these to elect a professor. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. John Ludlow was elected the Professor; whereupon, it was

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the Rev. John Ludlow be and hereby is appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*Resolved,* That the Rev. Dr. Cannon, Wilhelmus Eltinge, and the Elder J. R. Hardenbergh, be a committee to inform the Rev. John Ludlow of the result of this election, and ascertain, if possible, whether he accepts the appointment.

The committee having attended to the object of their appointment, *reported,* that Mr. Ludlow feels it to be his duty to decline accepting the office to which he has been chosen by Synod; and that he does decline such acceptance.

Synod then proceeeded to another nomination of candidates for the office of Professor of Ecclesiastical History, &c.; and on the next day, (after special prayer) of these to elect a Professor. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Dr. Selah S. Woodhull was elected the Professor. Whereupon it was

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the Rev. Selah S. Woodhull be and hereby is appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*Resolved,* That the Rev. Messrs. W. Eltinge, Robert Bronk, and the Elder Michael Schoonmaker, be a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. S. S. Woodhull of the result of this election, and ascertain, if possible, whether he accepts the appointment.

The committee brought in the following Report:

Your Committee beg leave to report, in the very language of your Professor Elect, "With unfeigned and fervent gratitude, I acknowledge my obligations to the General Synod for the honour they have conferred on me, in electing me the

Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary. Had I expected such an appointment, I would have come to this place after a careful consideration of the subject, accompanied with much and earnest prayer for Divine direction. But, unexpected, unsolicited, as the appointment has been, I am unable immediately to decide. If I now accept it, I must do so with some hesitation; and I dare not at once decline it. I must beg that the Synod will allow me time to seek to become acquainted with my duty, and to have my path made plain before me.

S. S. WOODHULL."

All which is respectfully submitled.

WILHELMUS ELTINGE, *Chairman.*

*New-Brunswick, Sept.* 16, 1825.

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Professor Elect be $1575, together with the use of the western wing of the College edifice.

*Resolved*, That an instrument, certifying the appointment and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod by the President thereof, and by him be given, in the name of the Church, to the Professor Elect.

*Resolved*, That the Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, be inaugurated into his office in the Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, on the second Wednesday in November next, at 11 oclock A. M. and that in addition to the Inaugural Address to be delivered on that occasion by the Professor, the Rev. John Ludlow be, and is hereby appointed to preside and deliver a Sermon, and the Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon to deliver a Charge to the Professor; and that the Rev. Dr. John Knox be appointed secundus to the Rev. J. Ludlow, and the Rev. Dr. James M. Matthews as secundus to the Rev. Dr. J. S. Cannon.

*Resolved*, That Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh, Peter Spader, and Thomas Letson, be a Committee to prepare the western wing of the College edifice for the Professor Elect, and to attend to his removal; and until the repairs are finished, to provide the Professor with a house.

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed in June last, to obtain subscrictions for the Professoral Fund, of which Mr. Abraham Van Nest is Chairman, be continued.

*Resolved*, That Agents be now appointed by this Synod to solicit from the Congregations and individuals in the Reformed Dutch Church, who have not already been applied to, contributions in aid of the Funds of the General Synod, particularly to enable the Synod to provide more fully for the support of indigent Students, and for the increase of the Library and to meet the unavoidable expenses which must be annually incurred.

The following persons were appointed the Agents contemplated in the above resolution.

1. *For the Classes of New-York, Bergen, Long-Island, and Paramus.*

Rev. Eli Baldwin, and George Duboise, and Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Isaac Heyer, Jacob R. Hardenburgh, Abraham Bloodgood, William Hardenbrook, Jun. Timothy Hutton, James Bogert, Jun. and Dr. Adrian Vanderveer.

2. *For the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Dr. J. Brodhead, Rev. Peter Labagh, and John Wyckoff, junr.

3. *For the Classis of Albany and Rensselaer.*

Rev. Richard Sluyter, and John Ludlow and Mr. Abraham Van Dyck.

4. *For the Classis of Ulster*

Rev. John Gosman and Jesse Fonda, and Mr. John H. Johnson.

5. *For the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Philip Duryee, Maurice W. Dwight, and Jacob. D. Fonda.

6. *For the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John Gosman, Thomas De Witt, Richard Sluyter, and Gen. Samuel Ten Brook.

7. *For the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, P. P. Rouse, and Peter Labagh.

The following persons were appointed Committees in the several Churches who have subscribed towards the endowment of the third Professorship, to obtain the several instalments on the said subscriptions, as they become due, and to transmit them to the Treasurer of General Synod.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

1. *North Church in Albany.*

Rev. J. Ludlow, and Messrs. Garrit Gates, and Richard Brinckerhoff.

2. *South Do.*

Rev. Isaac Ferris, and Messrs. Christian Miller, and Garrit L. Dox.

3. *Church of Coxsackie.*

Mr. Abraham Van Dyck, and Isaac A. Hallenbeck.

4. *Bethlehem and Coeymans.*

Rev. Samuel Kissam, and Mr. N. Sill.

5. *Schenectady.*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, and Mr. Jacob Switz.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

1. *Kinderhook.*

Rev. Jacob Sickles, and Messrs. Henry Van Vleck, and Laurence Van Dyck.

2. *Claverack.*

Rev. Richard Sluyter.

3. *Catskill.*

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, and Wm. H. Coit.

4. *Schodock.*

Rev. Asa Bennet, and Martin Beeckman.

5. *Ghent.*

Rev. Peter S. Wyncoop, and John Harder.

6. *Nassau.*

Rev. James Romeyn.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

*Scaghtikoke.*

Rev. Abraham J. Switz, and William Knickerbacker.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Rev. William R. Bogardus, Abraham D. Wilson, Henry Ostrander, Cornelius C. Wynkoop, Rev. Jesse Fonda, Isaac Jennings.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Rev. C. C. Cuyler, J. V. B. Varick, T. De Witt, H. Vedder, J. Gosman, William S. Heyer.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, and Peter P. Rouse.

*Resolved*, That the Agents now appointed by this Synod, in the respective Classes, be considered as so many Committees for the Classes to which they belong, who shall have power to associate with them such persons as they may find necessary.

ARTICLE XV.

*Students in Theology.*

*Resolved*, That it be made the duty of each classis to inquire, at least once in every year, from the several Ministers and Elders composing such classis, whether they know of any one or more persons of piety and promising talents, disposed to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, and who, being in indigent circumstances, need pecuniary assistance in prosecuting Theological studies; and that every classis report annually on this subject to the General Synod.

Application was made by the Rev. Philip Duryee, for a dispensation in behalf of Mr. John McKelvy, for one or two years, as the Professors may decide :—which was referred to the committee on the Professorate.

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ARTICLE XVIII.

*Missions.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch

Church, the issuing of a periodical publication, as a necessary vehicle to spread abroad in all the borders of the Church, such general and particular information as is necessary—and that the Synod recommend the same to the patronage of the Church; and the Synod warmly recommend to all their churches the favourable reception of any agent or agents sent among them by the Missionary Society in the furtherance of their laudable efforts for the good of the church.

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ARTICLE XX.

*Particularia.*

*Resolved*, That Mr. Jacob R. Hardenburgh, Rev. James B. Hardenburgh, and Gen. John Frelinghuysen, be a committee to adopt some plan for the purpose of obtaining comfortable board for the students of the College, at the lowest possible rate.

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ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and Close.*

*Resolved*, That the stated Clerk publish 750 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the classes the number of copies directed by them.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of New-York, on the first Wednesday of June next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

J. Brodhead, *President.*
John Gosman, *Adsessor.*
William Crookshank, Thos. M. Strong. } *Clerks P. T.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

John Knox, *Stated Clerk.*

# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

# Reformed Dutch Church

IN

# NORTH AMERICA,

CONVENED

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# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in Extra Session at New-York, on Wednesday the twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six. The Session continued from the 29th until the 31st day of March inclusive.*

## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

The Synod was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, the President of Synod.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Dr. Alexander Gunn, George Dubois, and Eli Baldwin.

Elders, Isaac Heyer, Isaac L. Kip, and John I. Westervelt.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Isaac M. Fisher, Samuel A. Van Vranken.

Elders, Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Aaron Smock, and John Frelinghuysen.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Gustavus Abeel.

Elders, John Vreeland and Richard Cadmus.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge.

5. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. Thomas M. Strong, Stephen H. Meeker, and William Crookshank.

Elders, Michael Schoonmaker, and Abraham Terhune.

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Dr. Jacob Brodhead.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston and Robert Bronk.

Elder, John Schuyler, Jun.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. James Romeyn, B. C. Taylor,* and Isaac N. Wyckoff.

Elders, Ephraim Best, and Henry P. H. Smith.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Benjamin Van Keuren.

Elder, Matthew Oliver.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook.

5. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John Gosman, Thomas De Witt, and William S. Heyer.

Elders, John H. Jansen, Isaac A. Knevels, and Thomas I. Storm.

6. *Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Isaac S. Ketchum.

* Rev. Richard Sluyter, the *Primarius*, took his seat on the second day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D. President.

Rev. John Gosman, Adsessor.

Rev. Thomas M. Strong, and William Crookshank, Clerks.

## ACTS OF SYNOD.

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ARTICLE XIV.

*Professorate.*

The President communicated to Synod a constitutional request, which he had received, to call a special meeting of Synod, and a copy of the circular, calling this meeting, "for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in the Theological Seminary, occasioned by the death of the Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, D. D.; and to reconsider the time appointed by General Synod in September last for the annual examination of the students in the Theological Seminary."

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

It having been announced,

That God, the sovereign Disposer of all events, had seen fit to take from us by death, our late excellent friend and highly esteemed junior professor, the Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, D. D., on the 27th of February last, in the short space of three months after his induction into the office of Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in our Theological Seminary, and of Metaphysics, and the Philosophy of the Human Mind, in the College which has recently been revived under our auspices—This Synod *Resolve*, That, while they humbly submit to the inscrutable providence which has so soon and so suddenly called him away from these important stations, in the prime of life and in the midst of the fairest prospects of usefulness, they cannot but lament, and they do deeply lament, the loss which the Institution and the Church have sustained in his death.

And as the piety, talents, and acquirements of one so highly valued justly claim some public token of respect, this Synod further

*Resolve*,—To have placed over the grave of Professor Woodhull a neat, plain monument, with a suitable inscription, commemorative of his character and worth.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Gunn, the Rev. Dr. De Witt, and J. R. Hardenbergh, Esq., be a committee to carry into effect the latter of the above resolutions.

The Rev. Messrs. W. Eltinge, Dr. Gunn, and J. Gosman, and the Elders, Isaac Heyer and Jacob R. Hardenbergh, were appointed a special committee to report upon the subject of the time prescribed by General Synod in September last for the annual examination of the students in the Theological Seminary.

The Committee reported, and their report was amended and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of reconsidering and altering the time appointed by General Synod in September last, for the annual examination of the students in the Theological Seminary, respectfully report, That from a view of all the circumstances in the case, they deem such an alteration expedient, and therefore recommend the following resolution for the adoption of Synod :

*Resolved*, That the annual examination of the students in the Theological Seminary take place on the second Wednesday of July, instead of the first Tuesday in April ;—the present Senior Class to be excepted from the operation of this resolution.

WILHELMUS ELTINGE, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That this Synod do now proceed to appoint a Professor, as successor to the late Professor Woodhull.

A question having arisen on the interpretation of the 1st section of Article III of the Appendix to the Constitution, it was *Resolved*, That candidates for a Professorship in the Theological Seminary are not necessarily limited to those who are, at the time of their election, ordained ministers of the Reformed Dutch Church.

A number of candidates for the Professorship having been nominated, and said nominations being by ballot reduced to two, on a succeeding day (after special prayer) Synod proceeded to elect a Professor. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. James S. Cannon, D. D., was elected the Professor. Whereupon it was

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Rev. James S. Cannon, D. D., be, and hereby is, appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*Resolved*, That an instrument, certifying the appointment, and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod by the President thereof, and by him be given in the name of the Church to the Professor elect.

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Professor elect be $1,575, together with the use of the western wing of the college edifice.

*Resolved*, That the Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, be inaugurated into his office in the Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, on the first Wednesday in May next, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and that in addition to the Inaugural Address to be delivered on that occasion by the Professor, the Rev. William M'Murray, D. D., be and is hereby appointed to preside, and deliver a sermon, and the Rev. Dr. James M. Mathews to deliver a charge to the Professor: and that the Rev. Thomas De Witt be appointed secundus to the Rev. Dr. M'Murray, and the Rev. John Gosman as secundus to the Rev. Dr. Mathews.

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Gen. John Frelinghuysen, Peter Spader, and Thomas Letson, be a committee to take measures for the removal of the Professor elect.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston be added to the committee appointed in September last, to obtain contributions in aid of the funds of General Synod in the Classes of Albany and Rensselaer; and the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff and Isaac Ferris, to the committee for the Classis of Washington.

*Resolved*, That all the clerical agents appointed by Synod to obtain contributions in aid of the funds of General Synod, have leave to provide supplies for their pulpits during the time of their engagements on the behalf of General Synod.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Matthew Oliver be substituted in the place of Mr. Cornelius C. Wynkoop, on the committee appointed in Septem-

ber last to obtain the several instalments, as they become due, on the subscriptions to the third Professorship in the Classis of Ulster.

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ARTICLE XX.

*Particularia.*

*Resolved,* That Gen. John Frelinghuysen be substituted in the place of Jacob R. Hardenbergh, Esq. on the committee to repair the college edifice at New-Brunswick.

It having been communicated to General Synod, that Col. Henry Rutgers has generously offered to grant the sum of $200 for the purpose of procuring a bell for the college edifice, it was

*Resolved,* That the Rev. Robert Bronk, and the Elder, John Schuyler, Jun. be a committee to carry into effect the intention of the gift of Col. Henry Rutgers.

A bill for printing circulars, amounting to $2 50, and the doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $4 31, were presented, and ordered to be paid.

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ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and close.*

*Resolved,* That the Stated Clerk publish seven hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of New-York on the first Wednesday in June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. BRODHEAD, *President.*
JOHN GOSMAN, *Adsessor.*
WILLIAM CROOKSHANK, } *Clerks.*
THOMAS M. STRONG, }

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JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

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# Acts and Proceedings

*Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of New-York, on Wednesday the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six. The Session continued from the seventh to sixteenth day of June inclusive.*

## FORMATION OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Opening of Synod.*

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, the President of the last General Synod; who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Ps. cxxii. 9, 10.

### ARTICLE II.

*Members present.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. James M. Mathews, D. D., William M'Murray, D. D., and Thomas G. Smith.

Elders, Peter H. Wendover, Abraham Van Nest, and William R. Thompson.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Henry L. Rice,* George H. Fisher, and Jacob I. Shultz.

Elders, Abraham Quick,† Abraham A. Dumont,‡ and Henry Miller, jun.§

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, Peter Stryker, and John Cornelison.‖

Elders, Nicholas Vreeland, and Thomas S. Uffington.¶

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Jefferson Wynkoop, and Benjamin C. Taylor.

Elders, Garret W. Hopper, John Yeury,** Albert G. Hopper.

5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. John Beattie, Jacob Schoonmaker, and Thomas M. Strong.

Elders, Daniel Lawrence, Jeremiah Lott,†† and Englebert Lott.‡‡

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Peter Labagh, Jacob C. Sears.

Elders, Frederick Erringer, John W. Hall, and Peter Nevius.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John Ludlow, Gilbert R. Livingston, and John B. Steele.§§

Elders, Anthony Van Bergen, David Burhans, and John R. Bleeker.

* Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the Session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the Session.

§ Was succeeded by the elder John I. Low the *primarius*, on the *fourth* day of the Session.

‖ The seat was taken by the Rev. H. B. Stryker, the *secundus*, on the *fourth* day of the Session.

¶ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the Session.

** Obtained leave of absence after the *sixth* day of Session.

†† Was succeeded by the elder, Michael Schoonmaker, his *secundus*, on the *third* day of the Session.

‡‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *seventh* day of the Session.

§§ Obtained leave of absence after the *ninth* day of the Session.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Peter S. Wynkoop, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and Asa Bennet.
Elders, George T. Snyder, John G. Philips, Lawrence Merkle.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Abraham D. Wilson,* Benjamin Van Keuren, and P. A. Overbagh.
Elder, Henry Hammond.

4. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Andrew N. Kettle, Ferdinand H. Van Der Veer.
Elder, Cornelius Van Vliet.

5. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Cornelius Bogardus, Jacob D. Fonda,† and Philip Duryee.
Elders, Moses Cowen,‡ Andrew Finch,§ and Lodovicus Viele.‡

6. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Abraham Messler, Peter P. Rouse.
Elder, John I. Sebring.

The Rev. Professors Milledoler and Cannon were also present during a part of the Sessions of Synod.

## ARTICLE III.

*Moderators.*

Rev. John Ludlow was chosen President.
Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston was chosen Adsessor.
Rev. Thomas M. Strong, and Benjamin C. Taylor were chosen Clerks *pro tem.*

## ARTICLE IV.

*Reading of Minutes.*

The minutes of the last adjourned meeting, and of the extra meeting of Synod were read.

* Obtained leave of absence after the *ninth* day of the Session.

† Was succeeded by the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, his *secundus*, on the *ninth* day of Session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *eighth* day of the Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the Session.

## ACTS OF SYNOD.

### ARTICLE I.

*Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

### ARTICLE II.

*Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed :—

*On the Professorate.*—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, James M. Mathews, D. D., and Gilbert R. Livingston, and the elders, John R. Bleeker, and Frederick Erringer.

*On Synodical Minutes.*—Rev. Peter S. Wynkoop, Jacob D. Fonda, and John Beattie, and the elders, David Burhans, and Andrew Finch.

*On Correspondence.*—Rev. Peter Stryker, Henry L. Rice, and John B. Steele, and the elders, John W. Hall, and Anthony Van Bergen.

*On Missions.*—Rev. Thomas G. Smith, Jacob D. Fonda, and Dr. M'Murray, and the elders, Abraham Van Nest, and Peter H. Wendover.

*On the state of Religion.*—Rev. John Cornelison,* Staats Van Santvoord, and Abraham Messler, and the elders, George T. Snyder, and Abraham Quick.

*On overtures.*—Rev. Andrew N. Kettle, Jefferson Wynkoop, and Cornelius Bogardus, and the elders, Nicholas Vreeland, and Daniel Lawrence.

### ARTICLE III.

*Communications.*

Communications were received from the Consistory of the Church in Fishkill, recommending John H. Bevier; from the Classis of Rensselaer, recommending Simon Westfall; from the Classis of New-Brunswick, recommending Alexander M. Mann; from the Classis of New-York, recommending Christopher Hunt, and Benjamin Swartz; from the Classis of Bergen, recommending Jacob Ennis; as suitable

* The Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker was substituted in the place of the Rev. J. Cornelison, after he had obtained leave of absence.

persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten and Knox funds in the prosecution of their studies, with a view to the gospel ministry, and were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An application was received from Edwin Holmes, and from the Classis of Poughkeepsie on his behalf, requesting that he be admitted to examination for licensure, upon his spending fifteen months in study, in our Theological School; also an application of James Phillips, and the Rev. C. C. Vermeule, on his behalf, requesting for Mr. Phillips a dispensation in relation to the usual course of study for the ministry; which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the Rev. General Synod, the Board of Superintendents submit the following report:—

The Board met in the city of New-Brunswick, on the 13th day of September, 1825; when Robert B. Lee, and John M'Kelvey offered themselves for admission into the Theological Seminary. The Board having examined their credentials, and inquired into the evidence of their personal acquaintance with the power of divine grace on the heart, resolved to admit them. Henry A. Raimond, and James Quaw, were also admitted after the adjournment of the Board, by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

The Board, in obedience to the order of General Synod, in September last, again met in New-Brunswick, on the first Tuesday in April, 1826, and entered upon the annual examination of the school. They found in the institution the following students:

*Of the Senior Class.*

David Abeel,
Ira Condit Boice,
A. Henry Dumont,
John Garretson,
Henry Hermance,
Abraham I. Labagh,
Isaac P. Labagh,
Christian Z. Paulison,
Cornelius Van Cleef,
John H. Van Wagenen,
Benjamin P. Westfall.
Charles Whitehead.

| *Of the Middle Class.* | *Of the Junior Class.* |
|---|---|
| James Stevenson, | Robert B. Lee, |
| Leonard Van Dyke, | Henry A. Raimond, |
| John M'Kelvey. | James Quaw. |

The examination, as on former occasions, embraced the following subjects: viz. The Senior Class on Didactic, Polemic, and Pastoral Theology, Church Government, Hermeneutica Sacra, and Experimental Religion. The Middle Class on Didactic Theology, and Hermeneutica Sacra; and the third on Critica Sacra, and Jewish Antiquities; all the classes were examined on the original languages of the Scriptures. The Senior Class was recommended for Professoral Certificates, with a view to licensure. The Board can with freedom bear honourable testimony to the faithfulness and diligence of the Professors, as well as the industry, proficiency, and correct deportment of the students; and they do it with the more cheerfulness in the view of the short time the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, has been engaged in the duties of his office. Their hearts rejoice, that while God in his righteous providence, is calling away many who had been commissioned to preach the gospel, he is raising up and qualifying others to be labourers in his vineyard; and concerning whom they may indulge a pleasing hope, that they will be labourers who shall not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of life.

The Board would feel happy, had they been permitted to close their report with this statement of the prosperity of the school; but it has again become their painful duty to record the afflictive dealings of a holy God with them, in the early and sudden removal of their esteemed Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology, and Church Government. In obedience to the order of Synod, he was inducted into office on the second Wednesday of November, and on the 27th February, he was taken from us, to mingle, as we trust, in a nobler fellowship, and engage in a more exalted service. The Board, while they wish submissively to bow to the will of Him who does all things well, cannot but express their deep sense of the loss they have sustained; and leave on record their testimony to the worth of their departed brother, for whose memory they cherish the tenderest regard.

The Board would close their report by recommending to General

Synod, at the suggestion of the Professors, the adoption of measures to increase the means of educating distinguished, yet indigent, young men for the gospel ministry.

I. FONDA, *President, pro. tem.*
P. I. VAN PELT, *Clerk.*

*New-Brunswick, April* 4, 1826.

The Committee appointed to obtain subscriptions within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery, for the endowment of the third Professorship, presented the following report :—

The Committee of Agents appointed to obtain subscriptions for the third Professorship, in the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery, report the following names and sums, in addition to those reported at the session of this body, in September last : viz.

*Caughnawaga.*

| | Subscribed | Paid |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas Lammous, | $— | $ 5 |
| Peter Conyne, | 15 | 15 |
| Nicholas Van Slyck, | 15 | 3 |
| John Enders, | 15 | |
| Jacob Enders, | 15 | |
| John C. Davis, | 10 | 3 |
| Wilhelmus and Herman W. Brower, | 25 | 5 |
| John Brower, | 10 | 2 |
| John S. Veeder, | 5 | |
| Jacob H. Doxstader, | 20 | |
| Frederick Doxstader, | 8 | |
| John Y. Doxstader, | 8 | |
| Aaron Wemple, | | |
| H. H. Doxstader, | 8 | 2 |
| G. H. Doxstader, | | |
| Harpert Van Duzen, | 10 | 10 |
| James H. Quackenbush, | 5 | 1 |
| Douw H. Fonda, | 10 | 2 |
| Gilbert Van Deuzen, | 10 | 2 |
| Philip Cromwell, | 15 | 3 |
| Joseph Prentiss, | 20 | |

| | Subscribed | Paid |
|---|---|---|
| John F. Starin, | $12 | $ |
| Abraham Vedder, | 3 | 3 |
| Aaron Vedder, | 10 | 2 |
| *Root.* | | |
| Henry I. Devendorff, | 10 | 2 |
| Jacob Devendorf, | 5 | 5 |
| William Bellenger, | 5 | 2 |
| Cornelius C. Hubbard, | 5 | 5 |
| Sarah Cuck, | 15 | |
| George Stowits, | 5 | 5 |
| General Peter C. Fox, | 10 | 2 |
| *Owasco.* | | |
| Rev. Conrad Ten Eyck, | 20 | |
| Elijah Devoe, | 10 | |
| Richard Parsil, | 25 | |
| Isaac Amerman, | 10 | 2 |
| Isaac Lelover, | 15 | |
| Richard Concklin, | 1 | |
| Richard Slover, | 15 | 2 |
| John M. Van Fleet, | 10 | |
| John M. and Jacob Concklin, | 15 | 3 |
| Philip Concklin, | 20 | |
| Widow Sarah Concklin, | 5 | |
| " Hannah Bodine, | 15 | 3 |
| Thomas Reed, | 25 | 5 |
| Ninian Chamberlain, | 10 | 2 |
| John Shaver, | 10 | 2 |
| Tunis Lefevre, | 5 | 1 |
| Isaiah Kortright, | 10 | |
| Samuel Bevier, | 10 | |
| John Brockaw, | 10 | |
| Daniel Ennes, | 20 | |
| John P. Brackaw, | 10 | |
| Andrew Van Middleworth, | 10 | |
| John Van Middleworth, | 5 | 1 |
| John Jerolman, | 8 | |
| Frederick Van Liew, | 10 | |

| | Subscribed | Paid |
|---|---|---|
| George Peterson, | $10 | $ |
| Jacob Adriance, | 25 | |
| William Williamson, | 5 | |
| George Post, | 10 | |
| Garret Van Arzdolen, | 2 50 | 1 50 |
| John Campell, | 5 | |
| Frederick Nashold, | 2 50 | |
| Cornelius Van Auken, | 10 | |
| Abraham Van Auken, | 2 | 50 |
| Henry Austin, Junr., | 6 | 1 |
| Abijah Benson, | 5 | 1 |
| Alanson Benson, | 2 | |
| Aaron Cownover, | 10 | |
| Henry Hunsicker, | 7 50 | |
| James I. Stryker, | 5 | 1 |
| Prudence Austin, | 1 | 1 |
| Simeon Westfall, | 5 | |
| Bartholomew Van Valkenburg, | 10 | |
| *Congregation of Ovid.* | | |
| Rev. Abraham Messler, | 50 | |
| John I. Sebring, | 20 | 4 |
| Jane Covert, | 25 | |
| John Quick, | 50 | 10 |
| Dennis Messler, | 5 | 1 |
| Doctor Reuben S. Brown, | 5 | 5 |
| John Kelly, Junr., | 5 | |
| Peter Rapleyea, | 2 | 2 |
| Cornelius Wyckoff, | 50 | 10 |
| Abraham Wyckoff, | 5 | 1 |
| Joseph Stull, | 50 | |
| Cornelius Sebring, | 10 | 2 |
| William Ninors, | 10 | 2 |
| Luke Knight, | 5 | 1 |
| Folkert Sebring, | 15 | 3 |
| John P. Nevius, | 25 | |
| Peter Coshun, | 5 | |
| George Harris, | 10 | |

| | Subscribed | Paid |
|---|---|---|
| William Ditmus, | $ 5 | $ 2 |
| Charles Holley, | 4 | |
| Ruliff Voorhees, | 10 | 3 |

*Monies received last Fall.*

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|---|---|
| Peter P. Rouse, | $10 |
| William Schuyler, | 2 |
| Evert Yates, | 4 |
| H. Fonda, | 4 |
| John Vedder, | 3 |
| William Smith, | 4 |
| John J. Vedder, | 1 |
| Abraham H. Van Horn, | 4 |
| Jacob F. Starin, | 4 |

The Committee beg leave to recommend the appointment of the Rev. Abraham Messler, as agent for the collection of subscription monies in the congregations of Ovid, Owasco, and Sandbeach, with an allowance of ten dollars a year. The Rev. Peter P. Rouse for the congregation of Florida, and those on the Mohawk, with the same allowance; and the Rev. John F. Schemerhorn for the congregations of Schoharie and Blenheim, with the like annual sum.

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman.*

The following report was received by Synod :—

*Subscriptions for the Library of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Lawrence Proudfit, | $50 |
| Isaac Heyer, | 50 |
| Abraham Van Nest, | 50 |
| Cornelius Heyer, | 25 |
| Francis Olmstead, | 25 |
| R. V. Beekman, | 20 |
| Richard Cadmus, | 20 |
| John Wycoff, Junr., of Somerset County, | 15 |
| John H. Jansen, at Kingston, | 10 |
| William Knickerbocker, from Classis of Washington, | 10 |
| Edward Remsen, | 10 |
| John Nitchie, | 10 |
| John D. Keese, | 10 |
| Thomas T. Storm, Hopewell, | 1 25 |
| | 306 25 |

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|---|---|
| Received from the Members of General Synod, principally from the Ministers at their meeting at New-Brunswick, in September last, for the purchase of the book cases, late the property of Rev. P. N. Strong, deceased. | 69 |
| | $375 25 |

For the above amount, there have been purchased the book cases, which are handsomely put up in the library room, in the college building, at New-Brunswick; and there have also been purchased about one hundred and thirty volumes of books, which have been sent to New-Brunswick; among these are a complete set of Calvin's Works, Hale's Chronology, Quick's Synodicon, and other works of corresponding value.

ABRAHAM VAN NEST.
ISAAC HEYER.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be given to the gentlemen above named, for their gratuitous and well-directed liberality.

The following communication was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:—

It being ascertained, in June last past, that there were some pious young men, who wished to enter the College and Theological School, at New-Brunswick, but that there were no funds on which they could be placed for the present, and it being desirable that the church should not be deprived of their future labours, application was made to some of the friends of the church, and the following subscriptions were obtained: viz.

| | |
|---|---|
| Col. Henry Rutgers, - - - - | $100 |
| Mr. Lawrence Proudfoot, - - - | 100 |
| Isaac Heyer, - - - - | 100 |
| Stephen Reed, - - - - | 100 |
| Abraham Van Nest, - - - | 100 |
| | 500 |

Of which amount there has been paid to the following persons, the sums annexed to their names: viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Christopher Hunt, - - - | $145 | |
| J. M'Kelvey, - - - - | 120 | |
| J. E. Quaw, - - - - | 90 | |
| Robert C. Currie, - - - - | 20 | |
| | —— | 375 |

Leaving a balance of one hundred and twenty-five dollars unexpended. But it must be observed, that Mr. Quaw has only received ninety dollars, instead of one hundred and twenty dollars, when, therefore, he receives his last quarter, there will remain the sum of ninety-five dollars. And the Synod will perceive that it is necessary some steps ought to be taken by them, to have these young men placed on the Van Benschoten fund, or they will be unprovided for. And it is also due to Mr. H. Lillenthorl, to say that he has aided a young man by the name of Benjamin Swarts, to enable him to prosecute his studies in the literary department, and that he is still willing to continue his benevolent aid to this young man.

J. R. HARDENBERGH,
ISAAC HEYER,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

*New-York, June* 10, 1826.

The agents appointed by Synod, in September last, to solicit from the congregations and individuals in the Reformed Dutch Church, who have not already been applied to, contributions in aid of the Funds of the General Synod, being called on, the agents for the Classis of New-York and Long Island, reported that they had obtained subscriptions to the amount of $450; those for the Classis of Philadelphia and New-Brunswick, about $500; and those for the Classis of Montgomery as above reported.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Board of Corporation.*

The following Report was received from the Board of Corporation, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

The Board of Corporation respectfully submit to General Synod, the following Report of their proceedings during the past year :—

In pursuance of authority given at your regular Session in June last, this Board did apply to the Legislature of the state of New-Jersey, for an Act to empower the General Synod to hold real property in that State.

Their application was granted, and an Act was accordingly passed, authorizing the General Synod, as a corporation under the laws of the State of New-York, to hold real estate in the State of New-Jersey. Application also having been made to the same body by the Trustees of Queens College, representing that certain amendments to their charter would be conducive to their convenience; and moreover, requesting that the name by which said institution is known, may be changed; therefore it was enacted in the words following, viz:— "That the name of Queens College, in their charter of incorporation contained, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of RUTGERS COLLEGE, and that the said corporation shall, from and after the passing of this act, be known and designated by the name and style of "THE TRUSTEES OF RUTGERS COLLEGE IN NEW-JERSEY:" "Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to affect, or in any wise impair, any contract, speciality, deed, mortgage, or other instrument of writing heretofore made, had, or given to, by, or from the said Trustees of Queens College in New-Jersey."

Due notice has since been given to the "Trustees of Rutgers College in New-Jersey," that this Board is ready to receive a legal conveyance for the college lot and edifice.

A statement was prepared in conformity to the order of General Synod, passed in September last, exhibiting, "The state of the finances, the present arrangements, the prospects, and wants of the

Church," &c. of which ten thousand copies were printed; and no pains has been spared to give them extensive circulation.

We take a pleasure in announcing to Synod, that a representation having been made to us, of the necessity of a bell for the College edifice in New-Brunswick, the President of this Board generously authorized the purchase of one at his own expense, the cost of which will be two hundred dollars. And that the Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer has presented the like sum of two hundred dollars, to be appropriated towards the erection of a Cupola on said College edifice.

Owing to the indulgent favour of our Heavenly Father, health has smiled on us during the past year; only one of our stated meetings having been interrupted by sickness on the part of our venerable President.

We have uniformly greeted each other in the cheerfulness of Christian feeling; the discharge of our duty has always been a matter of choice; and harmony of opinion has resulted in the pleasures of social friendship.

We have abundant cause for gratitude, and yet it falls to our lot to tell the tale of sorrow.

We feel sensibly the loss of him whom you equally deplore; the Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, D. D. The bright gleams of intelligence that shed light on our way are withdrawn. The well sustained and judicious opinion, which by its perspicuity ofttimes directed our steps, has departed. The heart that was always warm with the love of Zion has gone away to the silent tomb: and long—long, shall we remember his friendly grasp, when he bade us farewell; it was a last farewell.

His place has since been supplied by the unanimous choice of the Rev. William M'Murray, D. D. And the office of Secretary, formerly vacant, is now filled by the Rev. Eli Baldwin.

Our munificent patron, Colonel Henry Rutgers, has again laid us under a debt of gratitude, by a benefaction of five thousand dollars. For this sum we have received his bond duly executed to the General Synod, and bearing interest 6 per cent. from the first day of May, 1826. This bond we hold in trust, with directions to pay over the interest arising thereon, to the Trustees of Rutgers College. The mind of Colonel Rutgers in relation to the same, is fully expressed in an explanatory paper appended to the bond, and in the record of our proceedings, under date March 31, 1826. Several of the sub-

scribers to the fund of the Professorate, whose subscriptions are payable by instalments, having offered to pay the whole sum in advance, on condition of being allowed a rebate of interest. The board have consented to such allowance, and adopted it as a rule applicable to all who may please to avail themselves of the same.

We have still to complain of the delinquency of many congregations in reference to the collections ordered by General Synod. The cause of such delinquency may be a misapprehension, as to the adequacy of our funds: it is therefore necessary to state, that although the various subscriptions which have been made, witness a great liberality, yet a great proportion of the same is not yet productive; nor will the whole of it be so, for at least four years to come, from the very nature of the subscriptions themselves. Till that time the ordinary collections are indispensably necessary to meet the current expenses of General Synod. That the people are both able and willing thus to contribute, is abundantly evident, from their liberality to the Permanent Fund.

It appears to us, therefore, that the whole responsibility of an adequate provision now rests upon the ministry, with their consistories. And we do hope that this duty will be urged upon them specifically, with all the weight of the authority of General Synod.

The gradual improvement of your treasury will appear from the Treasurer's account, hereto annexed, and furnishes new evidence that the system of finance, adopted by your reverend body, is judicious. To answer all the ends designed, it only needs an uniform fulfilment of its provisions.

*Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, from the 27th May, 1825, to 1st June, 1826.*

| 1825. | | RECEIPTS. | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 28 | By Cash from Church at Clarkestown, Permanent Fund, | 4 | 61 |
| | 30 | " " from Church at Saratoga, Theological College, | 4 | 50 |
| | | " " from Church at Northumberland, contingent Fund, | 4 | 25 |
| | 31 | " " from Church at Pompton Plains, Permanent Fund, | 17 | 25 |
| | | " " from Classis of Bergen, for Minutes, . . | 12 | 75 |
| June | 2 | " " from Rev. W. Eltinge, a dividend on his donation of Turnpike Stock, . . . . . | 5 | |
| | | " " from Churches at Middletown, and Freehold, Contingent Fund, . . . . . | 7 | |
| | | " " from Church at New Shannack, Permanent Fund, | 4 | 50 |
| | | " " from Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes, . | 5 | 50 |
| | 4 | " " from Churches at Rochester and Warwarsing, for Theological College, . . . . . | 5 | 50 |
| | | " " from John Ogden Dey, a donation to Theological College, . . . . . | 3 | |
| | 7 | " " from Church at Warwick, Permanent Fund, . | 4 | 28 |
| | | " " from Church at Rockaway, do. . | 5 | |
| | | " " from Church at Lebanon, do. . | 6 | |
| | 25 | " " from Church at ———, Theological College, | 4 | 25 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Contingent Fund, . | 3 | 75 |
| | 30 | " " from Church at New-Brunswick, Theological College, . . . . . | 10 | 68 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Contingent Fund, | 13 | 91 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Missionary Fund, | 3 | 81 |
| July | 7 | " " from Church at Nassau, Permanent Fund, . | 3 | |
| | 13 | " " from Estate of Abraham Brinkerhoof, deceased, amount of his subscription, made in 1817, to Permanent Fund, . . . . . | 500 | |
| | | " " from do. for Interest from 1st of Aug. 1821, | 138 | 25 |
| | | " " from I. L. Kip, Esq. Treasurer of Church in New-York, for license given to print 3000 copies of Psalm Book, . . . . . | 180 | |
| July | 29 | " " for one quarter's interest on $3400, U. S. Stock, | 51 | |
| | | " " for do. on $300, State Stock, | 12 | |
| Sept. | 1 | " " for twelve months' do. on Bond of $1500, . | 105 | |
| | 12 | " " from Church at Easton Theological College, | 4 | 32 |
| | | " " from Dr. Knox, for 1 copy of Minutes, sold, . | | 25 |
| | 19 | " " from John H. Smaltz, in full, for his note to Board of Superintendants, . . . . . | 100 | |
| Oct. | 3 | " " for amount principal U. S. Stock, paid off, . | 3400 | |
| | | " " for one quarter's interest on do. , . . | 51 | |
| | 4 | " " for discount on $2400, loaned for 4 months, at six per cent. . . . . | 49 | 20 |
| | | " " from Isaac Heyer, amount of his subscription, made 1817, to Permanent Fund, . . . . | 500 | |
| | | " " from do. for Interest from 1st August, 1824, . | 41 | 12 |
| | 19 | " " from Classis of New-York, for Minutes, . . | 30 | |
| Nov. | 8 | " " from Church in Garden-street, Theological College | 47 | 43 |
| | 16 | " " from Church at Tappan, do. | 5 | 34 |
| | 17 | " " from Church at Aquackanack, do. | 21 | 12 |
| | | " " from Church at Lebanon, do. | 7 | 4 |
| | | " " from Church at Rockaway, do. | 4 | 86 |
| | | | 5376 | 47 |

*Account continued.*

| | | | Dlls. | C. |
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| 1825. | | By amount brought forward, . . . . . | 5376 | 47 |
| Nov. | 24 | By Cash from Church at Bedminster, Theological College, | 2 | 14 |
| Dec. | 1 | " " from Church at Six Mile Run, do. | 10 | |
| | 8 | " " from Church at Clarkstown, do. | 1 | 94 |
| | 21 | " " from Church at Warwick, do. | 5 | |
| | 24 | " " from Rev. Joseph Wilson, on account of his notes to Board of Superintendants, . . . | 10 | |
| | 26 | " " from Middle Church, N. Y. 25 cent donations, | 74 | 44 |
| | | " " from Church at New Shannack, Theological College, . . . . . | 4 | 69 |
| 1826. | | | | |
| Jan. | 3 | " " from Church at Bergen, Contingent Fund, . | 3 | 63 |
| | 4 | " " from North Church, N. Y. 25 cent donations, . | 33 | 49 |
| | 5 | " " from Church at New-Brunswick, Theological College, . . . . . | 13 | 29 |
| | | " " from Church at do. 25 cent donations, | 16 | 41 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Contingent Fund, | 9 | 41 |
| | 7 | " " from Church at Acquackanack, do. | 9 | 57 |
| | | " " from North Church, N. Y. do. | 18 | 18 |
| | 13 | " " from Middle Church, N. Y. do. | 39 | 81 |
| | | " " from Church at Schenectady, do. | 7 | |
| | | " " from Female Cent Society of the Collegiate Churches, New-York, for Permanent Fund, | 79 | 50 |
| | 26 | " " from Church at Clarkstown, Contingent Fund, | 3 | |
| Feb. | 3 | " " from Church at Tappan, do. | 4 | 59 |
| | 9 | " " from Second Church in Albany, do. | 10 | |
| | 10 | " " from Consistory of Church in New-York, one quarter of their grant of $1700 per annum, for 3 years, for support of Third Professor, . | 425 | |
| | 14 | " " from Church at Flatbush, Theological College, | 20 | 50 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Contingent Fund, . | 10 | |
| | | " " for discount on $2400. reloaned for 90 days, . | 37 | 20 |
| | 17 | " " from Church in Market-street, Theological College, . . . . . | 36 | 10 |
| | | " " from Church in do. 25 cent donations, | 66 | 29 |
| | 27 | " " from the family of W. E. Nexen, 25 cent donations, . . . . . | 1 | 25 |
| | | " " from Mrs. and Miss Bull, 25 cent donations, . | 1 | |
| March | 13 | " " for 12 months' interest on a Bond of $2500, at six per cent. . . . . | 150 | |
| | 14 | " " from Church corner of Greene and Houston streets, Theological College, . . . . . | 13 | 3 |
| | 26 | " " from Churches at ——— and Amity, for Theological College, . . . . . $3 10 | | |
| | | " " from do. for Permanent Fund, 1 41 | | |
| | | " " from do. for Contingent Fund, 1 64 | | |
| | | | 6 | 15 |
| | | " " from do. at do. Missionary Society, | 1 | 85 |
| | | " " from Church at Somerville, Theological College, | 13 | 30 |
| | | " " from Church at do. 25 cent donations. | 21 | 36 |
| April | 3 | " " from Church at Fishkill Landing, Contingent Fund, . . . . . | 7 | |
| | 12 | " " from Church at Warwick, 25 cent donations, . | 4 | 25 |
| | 14 | " " from Classis of New-York, for Minutes. . | 4 | |
| | | | 6550 | 84 |

*Account continued.*

| | | | Dlls. | C. |
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| 1826. | | By amount brought forward, . . . . . | 6550 | 84 |
| April | 25 | By Cash from Church at Pompton, Theological College, | 2 | 65 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Contingent Fund, | 2 | 35 |
| | 27 | " " from Church at Flatbush, 25 cent donations, . | 18 | |
| May | 1 | " " from Classis of New-York, for Minutes, . . | 8 | |
| | | " " from Church at Jamaica, Theological College, | 10 | 18 |
| | 4 | " " from Classis of Bergen, for Minutes, , . | 6 | 25 |
| | | " " from Church at Paramus, Theological College, | 8 | 25 |
| | | " " from Church at Totowa, do. | 7 | 65 |
| | 8 | " " from Church at Bergen, Permanent Fund, . | 4 | 63 |
| | 10 | " " from Church at New-Brunswick, do. | 11 | 77 |
| | | " " from Consistory of Church in New-York, twelve months' interest on their Bond to Second Professorship Fund, . . . . . | 300 | |
| | | " " from do. do. for second quarter, on their grant of $1700, for 3 years, for support of Third Professor, . . . . . | 425 | |
| | 12 | " " for 12 months' interest on a Bond of $2000, . | 120 | |
| | | " " from Church at Basick, Theological College, . | 2 | |
| | | " " from Church at do. for Missionary Society, | 3 | |
| | | " " from Classis of Poughkeepsie, for Minutes, . | 5 | |
| | | " " from Church at Fishkill Landing, Permanent Fund, . . . . . | 5 | 10 |
| | 16 | " " for three quarters' interest on $800 State Stock, | 36 | |
| | | " " for twelve month's do. on 700 City Stock, | 42 | |
| | 17 | " " from Second Church Albany, Permanent Fund, | 29 | |
| | | " " from Female Cent Society of same Church, Theological College, . . . . . | 45 | |
| | | " " from Middle Church, New-York, Contingent Fund, . . . . . | 47 | 10 |
| | 18 | " " from Church at Fairfield, 25 cent donations, . | 5 | 25 |
| | | " " from Church at do. Permanent Fund, . | 1 | 75 |
| | 23 | " " from Church at Pompton, Contingent Fund, . | 1 | 85 |
| | | " " for this sum, loaned for twelve months, 27th May last, . . . . . | 1916 | 99 |
| | | " " for 12 months' interest on do. at 6 per cent. . | 115 | 2 |
| | | " " for this sum, loaned 23d February, at 90 days, now paid in, . . . . . | 2400 | |
| | | " " for 93 days interest on do. . . . . | 37 | 20 |
| | 25 | " " from Classis of New-Brunswick, for Minutes, | 8 | |
| | 27 | " " from North Church, Contingent Fund, . . | 31 | 27 |
| June | 1 | " " for twelve months' interest on loan of $3767 80 | 226 | 7 |
| | | | 12433 | 17 |

| | | PAYMENTS | Dlls. | C. | Dlls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1825. | | *from 28th May, 1825, to 1st June, 1826.* | | | | |
| May | 27 | To balance then due Treasurer, . . . . | 1919 | 58 | 12433 | 17 |
| June | 4 | " Cash paid door keeper, Session at Albany, . | 5 | 81 | | |
| July | 18 | " " paid Professor Milledoler, salary from 15th May to 1st June, 1825, . . | 65 | 63 | | |
| Sept. | 12 | " " paid Professor De Witt, . . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| | | " " paid Dr. Knox, expenses transcribing minutes, copy of constitution for board of superintendants, binding two volumes of Minutes, &c. . . | 12 | 38 | | |
| | 17 | " " paid door keeper's bill, session at New-Brunswick, . . . . . | 7 | 47 | | |
| | | " " paid clerk of Somerset County, New-Jersey, for searching records relative to college lot, . . . . . | 7 | | | |
| | | " " paid Professor Milledoler, . . | 393 | 75 | | |
| Oct. | 1 | " " paid Rev. John Gosman, expenses on delegation to Synod of German Church, . . . . . | 10 | | | |
| | 3 | " " paid expenses of Professor Milledoler's removal, . . . . . | 6 | 25 | | |
| | 4 | " " loaned at four months, . . . | 2400 | | | |
| | 10 | " " paid Hopkins and Morris, for printing minutes of June session, . . | 87 | 98 | | |
| | 17 | " " paid A. Paul, for printing circulars, from board of corporation, in regard to January and May collections, - | 5 | 50 | | |
| Nov. | 26 | " " paid D. Fanshaw, for printing Minutes of September session, . . . | 60 | 23 | | |
| | | " " paid do. for printing 10,000 copies of circulars from board of corporation, | 81 | 30 | | |
| Dec. | 3 | " " paid Professor Milledoler, . . . | 393 | 75 | | |
| 1826. | | " " paid Professor De Witt, balance of salary to 1st inst. . . . . | 287 | 50 | | |
| Jan. | 19 | " " paid Professor Woodhull, . . . | 393 | 75 | | |
| March | 9 | " " paid Professor De Witt, . . . | 437 | 50 | | |
| | | " " paid Professor Milledoler, . . | 393 | 75 | | |
| April | 3 | " " paid for printing notices for call of extra meeting of Synod, . . . | 2 | 50 | | |
| | 10 | " " paid P Amerman, attending extra session, | 4 | 31 | | |
| May | 15 | " " loaned for sixty days, . . . | 2172 | 31 | | |
| | 18 | " " paid for printing 750 copies of minutes of extra session, . . . . . | 14 | 75 | | |
| | 23 | " " loaned on bond and mortgage, at 7 per cent. . . . . | 4000 | | | |
| June | 1 | " " loaned on note for sixty days, . . | 347 | 74 | | |
| | | Balance of interest due the Treasurer on advances the past year, . . | 68 | 39 | | |
| | | Cash paid T. Hutton, Treasurer of Missionary Society, amount received for Missionary purposes, . . . . . | 8 | 66 | | |
| | | Balance due the Treasurer in new account, . | | | 1592 | 12 |
| | | | 14025 | 29 | 14025 | 29 |
| | | To balance due Treasurer, . . . . . | 1592 | 12 | | |

*New-York, June* 1, 1826. ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*The following Sums have been received by the Treasurer, since the close of the Annual Account, on the 1st inst.*

| | | | | | Dolls. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 16 | By Cash from Church corner of Greene and Houston-streets, for permanent fund, | | | 11 | 1 |
| | | " " from Rev. W. Eltinge, for dividends on his donation of Bergen turnpike stock, | | | 10 | |
| | | " " from Church at Union Village, contingent fund, | | | 6 | |
| | | " " from Church at Easton, permanent fund, | | | 3 | 41 |
| | | " " from Church at Niskeuna, do. | | | 2 | |
| | | " " from Classis of Long Island, for minutes, | | | 7 | 25 |
| | | " " from Church at Lebanon, permanent fund, | | | 3 | 25 |
| | | " " from Church at Rockaway, do. | | | 1 | 50 |
| | | " " from do. do. Theological College, | | | 1 | 50 |
| | | " " from Church at Saratoga, permanent fund, | | | 3 | |
| | | " " from Church at Northumberland, contingent fund, | | | 3 | |
| | | " " from Churches at Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, permanent fund, | | $5 | | |
| | | Theological College, | | 5 34 | | |
| | | contingent fund, | | 3 75 | | |
| | | | | | 14 | 9 |
| | | | | | 66 | 01 |

ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, June 16th,* 1826.

The Board cannot congratulate the Synod on the amount received from the *collections* directed to be made throughout the churches during the past year. It appears that about 133 Congregations have not attended to the injunctions of Synod; and as the Synod directed the delinquent churches to be marked and reported, the following are presented to their notice as having made no Collections or Contributions whatever for the General Synod during the past year, viz:—

*In the Classis of New-York.*

North West Church, Greenwich, Bloomingdale, Harlaem, Fordham, Tarrytown, and Unionville, Cortlandt Town, Staten Island, Tompkinsville, Broome-street, Brooklyn—12.

*In the Classis of Long Island.*

Gravesend, Flatlands, and New Lots, Bushwick, Newtown, North Hempsted, Oyster Bay, New Utrecht—8.

*In the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Hillsborough, Middletown, Freehold, Spotswood, Minisink, and Mahakimack—6.

*In the Classis of Bergen.*

English Neighbourhood, Belleville—2.

*In the Classis of Paramus.*

Hackensack, Schraalenburgh, Saddle River—3.

*Classis of Philadelphia.*

Philadelphia, Spring Garden, Harlingen, North and South Hampton, North Branch—6.

*In the Classis of Albany.*

North Church in Albany, Coxsackie, Boght, Washington, Gibbonsville, Niskeuna, Coeymans, Bethlehem, Beaver Dam, Helderberg, Salem, Jerusalem, First Church Fourth Ward Schenectady, Princetown, Guelderland, Glenville, Churches at Rotterdam, Oakhill—20.

*In the Classis of Washington.*

Wynants Kill, Tyashoke, Schaghticoke, Argyle, Waterford, Union Village, Johnsborough, Fort Miller—8.

*In the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Kinderhook, Claverack, Hillsdale, Ghent, Schodack, Greenbush, Blooming Grove, Catskill—8.

*In the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Poughkeepsie, Hopewell, New Hackinsack, Fishkill, Kingston, Rhinebeck Flats, Red Hook, Linlithgow, Hyde Park, Pleasant Plain, Greenbush, Taghkanick—12.

*In the Classis of Ulster.*

Montgomery, New Paltz, New Hurley, Shawangunk, New Prospect, Clove, Marbletown, Hurley, Ashokan, Flatbush, Berea, Saugerties, Woodstock, Bloomingdale, Roxbury, Middletown, Bloomingburgh—17.

*In the Classis of Montgomery.*

Caughnewaga, Broome, Blenheim, Windham, Owasco, Sandbeach, Herkimer, German Flats, Middleburgh, Cato, Ovid, Florida, Oppenheim, Columbia, New Rhinebeck, Manheim, Schoharie, Beach Woods, Brackenbin, Schoharie Mountains, Sharon, Middletown, Westerlo, Union, Fonda's Bush, Mayfield, Danube, Indian Castle, Le Ray, Fayette, Canajoharie—31.

The Board however, notwithstanding, in reporting so many churches as totally delinquent, yet have the pleasure of setting forth that a goodly number of the churches have attended to the injunctions of Synod; as it will appear by the Report of the Treasurer, that the following churches have taken up collections for the following purposes, viz :—

The Collegiate Churches in New-York, for the 25 cent Contribution, and two Collections for the Contingent Fund.

Church in Garden-street, for Theological Seminary and Contingent Fund.

Church in Market-street, for Theological Seminary, and 25 cent Contribution.

Church in Houston-street, for Theological Seminary.

Church at New-Brunswick, for Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund, Permanent Fund, and 25 cent Contribution.

Church at Raritan, for Theological Seminary, and 25 cent Collection.

Church at Six Mile Run, for Theological Seminary.

Church at Bedminster, for do.

Church at Rockaway, for Theological Seminary, and Permanent Fund.

Church at Lebanon, do. do

Church at Tappan, for Theological Seminary, and Contingent Fund.

Church at Clarkstown, for Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund, and Permanent Fund.

Church at Paramus, for Theological Seminary.

Church at Totowa, for do.

Church at Warwick, for Theological Seminary, Permanent Fund, and 25 cent Collection.

Church at Flatbush, for Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund, and 25 cent Collection.

Church at Jamaica, for Theological Seminary.

Church at Rochester, Theological Seminary.
Church at Warwarsing, do.
South Church in Albany, for the Contingent and Permanent Funds.
Church at Schenectady, for the Contingent Fund.
Church at Basick, for Theological Seminary.
Church at Nassau, for Permanent Fund.
Church at Easton, for Theological Seminary.
Church at Saratoga, for Contingent Fund.
Church at Northumberland, for do.
Church at Fishkill Landing, for Contingent and Permanent Funds.
Church at Pompton, for Theological Seminary and Contingent Fund.
Church at New Shannock, do. and Permanent Fund.
Church at Acquackenack, do. and Contingent Fund.
Church at Bergen, for Contingent and Permanent Funds.
Church at Fairfield, for Permanent Fund, and 25 cent Collection.
Church at Pompton Plains, for Permanent Fund.
Church at Amity, for Theological Seminary, Contingent and Permanent Funds.

The Board most respectfully suggest to General Synod to continue in force the regulations adopted for the collections of money in the churches; and that the same be urged by every motive the subject requires.

The following is the Annual Digest, prepared in obedience to the order of General Synod, viz :—

I. AS TO THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

The amount of this fund was, on the first day of May last, as reported by the Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgage in the State of New-Jersey, $15,680 00
In hands of the Treasurer, not invested, . . . 367 30
In hands of the Treasurer, for interest received, . 457 85
Interest due on 1st May last, not collected, . . 606 50

There was paid to indigent students during the past year, out of the above fund, $650.

### II. LEGACY OF THE LATE MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this fund is $2000, due from the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

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| On which there was a balance of interest in the hands of the Treasurer 25th March, 1825, . . | | $113 46 |
| Two years' interest received present year, . . | | 240 00 |
| | | $353 46 |
| Paid indigent students the past year, . | $345 00 | |
| Paid Postages, . . . . . | 35 | |
| Balance in hand 1st May last, . . | 8 11 | |
| | | $353 46 |

### III. PROFESSORATE FUNDS IN THE HANDS OF THE TRUSTEES OF RUTGERS COLLEGE.

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|---|---|---|
| Secured by Bond and Mortgage, . . . . | | $9750 00 |
| Received during the past year for interest, and arrears of interest, . . . . . | | $914 17 |
| Paid to the Professors, . . . | $587 50 | |
| Balance due Treasurer, per last account, | 36 27 | |
| Paid 2 years' salary to Deputy Treasurer, . | 50 00 | |
| Sundry charges, Recording Mortgages, &c. paid by him, . . . . | 12 93 | |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer 1st May last, | 227 47 | |
| | | $914 17 |
| The probable annual proceeds of which will be about | | $600 00 |

### IV. INDIGENT STUDENTS.

The Superintendants of the Theological Seminary have made no drafts on the Treasurer of Synod during the past year.

### V. PERMANENT FUND.

Under this head are included all the monies which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Second Professorship, as well as the monies formerly composing this fund; the whole of the

United States Stock, which composed part of this fund, has been paid off during the last year.

The amount of this fund is,

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| Six per Cent. Stock of the State of New-York, | $800 00 | |
| Six per Cent. Stock of Corporation of N. Y. | 700 00 | |
| Secured by Bonds and Mortgages, | 22,600 00 | |
| Individual Obligations, | 6,287 85 | |
| In hands of Treasurer, not invested, of Second Professorate Fund, | 678 56 | |
| | | $31,066 41 |
| And its annual product will be about | | $1900 00 |

VI. THIRD PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

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| Of this fund has been loaned on Bond and Mortgage, | $5000 00 |
| Which will produce per annum, | 310 00 |

VII. COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

During the past year, has been received from this source.

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| For the Permanent Fund, | 93 30 |
| " Contingent Fund, | 235 31 |
| " Twenty-five cent donations, | 241 74 |
| Other collections for the Theological College, | 268 86 |
| Making a total of | $844 21 |
| NOTE.—The collections from the same sources last year were, | $1542 47 |

VIII. CENT SOCIETIES.

The receipts from these, during the past year have been, from the

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|---|---|
| Collegiate Churches in New-York, for the Permanent Fund, | $79 50 |
| From the Second Reformed Dutch Church in Albany, for the Theological Seminary, | 45 00 |
| | $124 50 |

These are the only Cent Societies now existing in the churches; and the Board regret to add, that this source of revenue has been so little attended to; as in the year 1819 the proceeds were $2487.

### IX. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for Minutes, during the past year, the sum of $79 75, and there has been paid for paper and printing Minutes, the sum of $162 96, for the three sessions in the past year.

### X. CONTINGENT FUND.

Since the last report of this Board, there has been received $235 31, and there has been paid $373 88. This fund is a debtor to General Synod in a sum exceeding $1000.

### XI. DONATION OF REV. W. ELTINGE.

The dividend on this donation, amounting to $5, has been received. It would be proper that this stock should be transferred to General Synod.

### XII. DEBTS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

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|---|---|---|
| Due Professor Milledoler, . . . | $393 75 | |
| Due Professor De Witt, . . . | 437 50 | |
| Due Professor Woodhull's Estate, about | 165 00 | |
| Due Professor Cannon, about . . | 130 00 | |
| Balance due Treasurer, . . . | 1592 12 | |
| | | $2718 37 |

### XIII. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, FROM JUNE 1, 1826, TO JUNE 1, 1827.

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| 1. Payments of debts, as above mentioned, | $2718 37 | |
| 2. Salaries of three Professors, . | 4900 00 | |
| 3. Contingent expenses . . . | 600 00 | |
| | | $8218 37 |

XIV. ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1, 1826, TO JUNE 1, 1827; TO MEET THE ABOVE EXPENSES, UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

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| 1. From the Professoral Fund, . | $600 00 | |
| 2. From the Permanent do. . . | 1900 00 | |
| 3. From the 3d Professorship Fund, . | 310 00 | |
| 4. From the Rev. Mr. Eltinge's donation, | 5 00 | |
| 5. From the Cent Societies not in aid of the Permanent Fund, . . . | 45 00 | |
| 6. From Classes for printed minutes, . | 75 00 | |
| 7. From the 25 Cent Donations, and other collections, according to arrangements now directed by Synod, . . | 850 00 | |
| 8. Grant of Consistory of Collegiate Churches in New-York, for 3 years, $1700 per annum, . . . . | 1700 00 | |
| | | $5485 00 |

In concluding their report, the Board beg leave to suggest the propriety of choosing one of their members, whose duty it shall be, to attend the meetings of General Synod, as an advisory member; to furnish whatever information may be required by Synod, and to represent the Board, together with such other privileges and duties as your reverend body may deem fit and proper to direct. If this suggestion is approved, then Mr. Isaac Heyer is hereby appointed our delegate to the present Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*
ISAAC L. KIP,
CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Directors.*
WILLIAM M'MURRAY,
ISAAC HEYER, *Treasurer.*

*New-York, June* 2, 1826.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Isaac Heyer be recognised as an agent from the Board of Corporation, to give such explanations in relation to the matters submitted to said Board, as the Synod may require.

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Jacob R. Hardenburgh, and Andrew Howel be a Committee, whose duty it shall be to employ agents to solicit

subscriptions and donations in the Classes of Paramus and Bergen, in aid of the literary department of Rutgers College; and that said Committee be authorized to fix the compensation of those agents, and to report to this body at its next stated meeting.

A bill was presented by Mr. John I. Labagh, for placing tombstones over the graves of Professors Livingston and Woodhull, amounting to $331 82—ordered to be paid.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, and the elder, Abraham Van Nest, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons who constitute the Board of Corporation, under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation; when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Messrs. Isaac L. Kip, Cornelius Heyer, and the Rev. William M'Murray, D. D., were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Heyer was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

The door-keeper's bill for stationary and attendance, amounting to $12 50, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

A bill from Mr. J. R. Hardenbergh for expenses incurred in attending to the removal of Professors Milledoler and Woodhull, and for other purposes, amounting to $132 21, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

An account current of General Synod with L. Carman, the Treasurer of the Committee appointed to repair the east wing of the college edifice, and for the removal of Professor De Witt; and an account current of General Synod with Peter Spader, the Treasurer of the Committee, to repair the west wing of the college, and to attend to the removal of Professor Woodhull, were presented to Synod, and referred to the Board of Corporation, with directions to report on the same at the next stated meeting of Synod.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Correspondence.*

The Rev. Samuel Helfenstein, of the German Reformed Church, appeared, and was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member of this Synod.

The Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., L.L. D., and the Elder Eleazer Lord appeared, and having produced testimonials of their appointment, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took their seats as corresponding members of the Synod.*

The following report was received from the members appointed by this Synod, to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The undersigned, Corresponding Delegates from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, respectfully report,

That, agreeable to their appointment in June last, they have attended the late sessions of that Judicatory—that they were received and treated with Christian courtesy and affection, and have been much gratified with their proceedings. The Assembly have consented to the proposed amalgamation of the United Foreign Missionary Society, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and have recommended the latter institution to the favourable notice and Christian support of the churches under their care.

THOMAS M. STRONG,
FREDERICK ERRINGER.

*New-York, June* 7, 1826.

The Committee on Correspondence brought in the following report, which was adopted :—

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report,

That they have nothing to communicate on the subject, having requested the Delegates of the German Reformed, and of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Churches, to make such communications from their respective Judicatories as may be contained in their instructions, they were informed that nothing had occurred, and nothing consequently had been entered on the minutes of said Judi-

* The Rev. Dr. M'Auley, and the Elder Eleazer Lord, resigned their seats on the eighth day of the session, to the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., and the Elder Benjamin Strong, the alternates mentioned in the general commission.

catories; therefore your Committee find nothing which claims the special attention of this body. And whereas a friendly and Christian correspondence has for a long time been maintained between this body and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian, and Synod of the German Reformed Churches;—Therefore, your Committee recommend that delegates, as heretofore, be appointed to each of those reverend bodies, respectively.

PETER STRYKER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, and Andrew N. Kittle, be appointed as Delegates from this Synod, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church, to be convened in Fredericktown, on the last Sabbath of September next.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Jacob C. Sears, and the Elder Frederick Erringer, be delegates *Primarii;* and the Rev. Peter Labagh, and the Elder John Rorer, be delegates *Secundi*, to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.*

Synod having spent a season in free conversation, on the state of religion, and in special prayer, the Committee on the state of religion, prepared and presented their report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the State of Religion, respectfully submit the following report to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, now convened under circumstances of great mercy.

It is with feelings of inexpressible gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that your Committee have it in their power, to report to this Synod, and through it to the several Churches under its care, the present increased prosperity of the Church of Jesus Christ. We live in a period peculiarly eventful. The desire of all nations is visibly come, in the greater extension of his kingdom, and the more luminous display of his glory. Through the spirit of our ascended Lord, which has been promised in this latter day glory of the Church,

nations are born in a day. Perhaps not since the resurrection of our Lord, has there been such a cordial union, and co-operation of Christians of every denomination, to promote his glorious work. There is an universal longing for the spiritual advent of Him, to whom shall be the gathering of the nations. The question is often asked, how is that day to be ushered in? The last few years have fully unfolded the means of answering this question. Through the means of Bible associations, the testimony of Jesus has been conveyed to nations who had never heard of his fame, nor seen his glory. The angel spoken off by the lips of ancient prophecy, has already reached the midst of heaven, bearing the everlasting gospel to every kindred, tongue, and people. The Bible is already translated in foreign languages and circulated in foreign countries.

By means of the united and vigorous missionary efforts, the light of salvation shines where it never had been seen, and the gospel of God's dear Son, now sounds where it never before had been heard. The hand of every true Israelite is reached forth, to accelerate the motion of the spiritual ark, in its progress through regions hitherto unexplored.

Christians residing in different countries, nurtured in different prejudices, and belonging to different denominations, are uniting hand in hand, blending heart with heart, mingling their deliberations in the important design of spreading the means of salvation, and thus promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and their prayers are daily ascending, in one stream, for the descent of the Holy Ghost upon all flesh.

By means of Tract societies, the truths which God has revealed, are disseminated from north to south, and from east to west. They are sending forth their silent missionaries to aid in renovating the world, to every town, and village, and family, and soul, and preparing a multitude which no man can number, to shine as stars and suns in the Father's kingdom, and shout the triumphs of his praise to everlasting ages; and by means of Sabbath schools, the temporal and spiritual interests of mankind are promoted. Millions of our race are enjoying those advantages and instructions, which tend to adorn the character of man, and magnify the perfections of God. May God send down the spirit of his Son to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; hasten the period when but one Lord,

one faith, one baptism shall be visibly professed over the whole earth; when the moral wilderness shall, in all directions, be converted into a second Paradise, become fair as Eden, fruitful as the garden of the Lord.

Our Reformed Zion constitutes a part of the whole, and we dare venture to say, that for the last four years, such has been the union of sentiment, of interest, and effort, that it has not been surpassed, if equalled, by any Christian community. With deep felt gratitude, we state that we now live like brethren, "in unity of the spirit and the bond of peace;" the word of the Lord has had free course, and been glorified. In many congregations, the means of grace have been considerably blessed, and large accessions made to the Churches, of such, as we trust, shall be saved.

The operations of our Missionary Society have been singularly successful, sufficiently so to rejoice the heart of every friend of our Zion, and animate to more cordial and vigorous support. New congregations have been formed, and some of them supplied with enlightened, evangelical, and laborious ministers. Our moral desert has blossomed under our own eyes, and many of those parts, lately desolate and dreary, have been revived with the word of life, and the ordinances of God.

Much is due to the board of managers of this society, for their active and faithful labours, in this work of love. We would say, go on, brethren, acquit yourselves like men, "there remains yet very much land to be possessed," your reward shall be an approving conscience, you shall have the commendation of every real friend of our Reformed Zion, you shall have, what is infinitely more, the smiles of that God, whose favour is life, and whose loving kindness is better than life, while many shall rise up after you, and call you blessed.

The year past has unfolded to us an event of singular importance, and vital interest to our church. It is the revival of our literary institution at New-Brunswick, under the name of Rutgers College, connected with our Theological Seminary, and under the care of this Synod. It was opened last fall, under auspices very favourable and encouraging. We commingle our joys with yours upon this happy event, and look up to it as the source from whence shall hereafter issue streams, to make glad the city of our God. By the completion of this undertaking, it is manifest that the strength of our Reformed Zion

has been roused into action, and the plan long contemplated by our fathers, been accomplished.

We would likewise notice, with peculiar pleasure, that during the past year, a periodical work has been published at New-Brunswick, under the immediate care of this Church, stiled the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church. It promises to be a great means of disseminating the truths of the gospel, and conveying interesting religious intelligence throughout your Churches.

In many of our Churches, Sunday schools have been organized, and from experience, this mode of instruction has been found to be one of the most powerful which the wisdom of man, directed by the revelation of God, could have devised, for the enlargement of his kingdom. It is instruction given at that period of life, when God designed it should be given. In the young and tender mind, before the world can get possession of it, while malice and envy are yet strangers to their bosoms, and covetousness, that root of all evil, has not yet sprung up in their hearts, religious impressions, made in this period of life, are seldom obliterated ; and their influence, sooner or latter, will conduce to form future life. Therefore, "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Sabbath schools, have already accomplished what no other means have done. When prayer meetings, and the preaching of the word, made no impression, the formation of one single Sabbath school, has excited the deepest interest of both old and young, while the whole moral face of that region has undergone a visible and glorious change ; the Sabbath is no more so awfully profaned ; the sanctuary of God is attended by those who rarely or ever tread the courts of the Lord's house ; the precious word of God is committed in vast portions, while the poor have the gospel preached. By this means, hundreds and thousands of children are receiving, every Sabbath, a regular course of religious instruction, are growing up for usefulness in the church and world, and receiving those divine impressions, which will grow with their growth, and may, with the blessing of God, ripen into a harvest of glory.

This kind of instruction, has another interesting feature, which ought to recommend it to the united and vigorous support of every minister, and all the people of God ; that in most of our schools it has uniformly produced a seriousness among the teachers. Where there seemed to be wanting at the outset, those religious impressions

which are indispensable to constitute a complete Sabbath school teacher, they have been subsequently received; while teaching the word to others, they have themselves become wise unto salvation, the grace of God has been manifested to their own souls, and ended in their conversion. Already, through the instrumentality of Sabbath schools, have many been transformed to the renewing of their minds, and professed their interest in the covenant righteousness, by confessing that Jesus is the Son of God. We believe such schools to be nurseries of piety for the Church, and we have heard but one language concerning them, wherever they have been organized, that they have had powerful influence in reforming the world, and reviving the Church of God. To conclude, although it is with the deepest regret and humiliation, we state, that there are many alarming sins prevailing, and the love of many is waxing cold; yet it is with heart-felt gratitude, we see the rapid accomplishment of ancient prophecy. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Permit us to recommend the following:—

1. That it be recommended to all our Churches, to patronize the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church; the nett proceeds of which are to be applied to missionary purposes.

2. That it be recommended to all the ministers and congregations, to organize, without delay, Sabbath schools, where such schools have not been organized, and give them their most cordial approbation and co-operation.

3. *Resolved*, That the third Wednesday in December, be set apart by this Synod, and recommended to all the Churches under their care, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, unless by the civil authority some other day should be appointed for the same purpose, which day shall then be observed, in lieu of the above.

All which is submitted.

JACOB SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That whenever in any of our Churches religion is in a low and declining state, it is recommended as a very important duty, and under the divine blessing made the means for the revival of religion, to observe the season usually set apart, preparatory to the administration of the Lord's supper, for the purposes of special humiliation and prayer.

# CLASSICAL REPORTS.

## PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

### CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
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| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | | Infants. | Adults. |
| New-York | Dr. G. A. Kuypers<br>Dr. John Knox | 400 | 2000 | 844 | 19 | 17 | 18 | 1 | 18 | 843 | | 46 | 4 |
| Garden-street | Dr. J. M. Mathews | 200 | 1000 | 339 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 1 | | 355 | | 33 | 4 |
| Brooklyn | Vacant | | | 135 | | | | | | | | | |
| Market-street | Dr. W. M'Murray | 250 | 1200 | 307 | 8 | 21 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 321 | | 28 | 7 |
| North-West | Rev. G. Dubois | 208 | 1150 | 522 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 527 | | 35 | 3 |
| Greenwich | Rev. N. J. Marselus | 150 | 789 | 200 | 6 | | 5 | | 5 | 196 | | 31 | |
| Broome-street | Vacant | | | 60 | | | | | | | | | |
| Houston-street | Rev. Eli Baldwin | 80 | 400 | 58 | 20 | 18 | | 1 | 2 | 93 | | 10 | 2 |
| Bloomingdale | Dr. Alex'r Gunn | | | 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Haerlem | Rev. C.C.Vermeule | | | 51 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fordham | Rev. J. F. Jackson | | | 30 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tarry-town & Unionville | Rev. T. G. Smith | | | 122 | | | | | | | | | |
| Courtlandt-town | Rev. A. Hoffman | | | 44 | | | | | | | | | |
| Staten Island | Rev. P. I. Van Pelt | 209 | 843 | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 180 | | 28 | |
| Tompkinsville | Rev. J. E. Miller | 45 | 225 | 25 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 33 | | 24 | |
| African Church | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
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| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| New-Brunswick | J. B. Hardenbergh | 320 | 1930 | | 23 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 295 | 37 | 5 |
| Six Mile Run | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Raritan | R. D. Van Kleek | 178 | | | 2 | 1 | 11 | | | | 25 | |
| Hillsborough | J. L. Zabriskie | 95 | 600 | 196 | | | 6 | | 4 | 196 | 15 | |
| Bedminster | Isaac M. Fisher | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Freehold | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walpeck | James G. Force | | | | 2 | 3 | | | | | 35 | |
| Rockaway | Jacob I. Schultz | 65 | 390 | | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 91 | 11 | |
| Lebanon | do. | 130 | 780 | | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 106 | 15 | |
| Minisink and Mahakemack | C. C. Eltinge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Branch | G. H. Fisher | 70 | | | | | | | | 46 | | |
| Spotswood | H. L. Rice | | | | | | | | | | | |

Rev. S. V. Vranken without a charge.

## CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
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| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Bergen | John Cornelison | 170 | 720 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 208 | 32 | 1 |
| Hackensack | J. V. C. Romeyn | 96 | 410 | | 2 | 5 | | | 3 | 120 | 10 | 1 |
| Schraalenberg | | 136 | 504 | | | 8 | 1 | | 10 | 156 | 15 | 1 |
| English Neighbourhood | G. Abeel | 140 | 650 | | 10 | 19 | | 1 | | 53 | 20 | |
| Belville | S. Van Santford | 166 | 901 | 89 | | 7 | 2 | | | 94 | 15 | |
| Pompton | J. T. Field | 150 | | 124 | 3 | 18 | 1 | | 2 | 143 | 14 | 1 |
| Pompton Plains | A. Neal | 170 | 1100 | 112 | | 4 | | | | 114 | 28 | |
| Stonehouse Plains | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | H. B. Striker | 189 | 1049 | 78 | 22 | 6 | 5 | | 2 | 99 | 24 | |
| Ponds | Z. Kuypers | 97 | 488 | 39 | | 14 | | | | 53 | 14 | |
| Wyckoff | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preakness | | 53 | 258 | 40 | | 1 | | | | 41 | 9 | |

Rev. Peter Stryker and John Duryea without charges.

## CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Tappan | N. Lansing | 146 | 692 | 211 | 1 | | 2 | | | 191 | 27 | |
| Clarkstown | do. | 147 | 715 | 252 | | | 2 | 3 | | 227 | 22 | |
| Paramus | W. Eltinge | 170 | 1040 | 230 | | 2 | | | 2 | 230 | 22 | 2 |
| Totowa | do. | 180 | 1140 | 125 | 3 | | 5 | | 2 | 117 | 30 | |
| West N. Hempstead | J. Wynkoop | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rammapo | do. | 166 | 709 | 161 | | 5 | | | 4 | | 32 | |
| Achquackinunck | B. C. Taylor | 240 | 1200 | 164 | | 2 | | | 4 | 162 | 32 | |
| Warwick | John I. Chrystie | 60 | | 93 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 85 | 9 | |
| Hackensack | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schraalenburgh | do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddle River | S. Goetschius | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pascack | do. | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| New-Utrecht | John Beattie | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gravesend | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatlands | W. Crookshank | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New-Lots | do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatbush | T. M. Strong | 80 | 650 | 126 | 1 | 2 | 18 | | 4 | 107 | 8 | |
| Bushwick | S. H. Meeker | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica | J. Schoonmaker | 112 | 720 | 87 | | | 1 | | 4 | 83 | 16 | |
| Newtown | do. | 85 | 550 | 87 | | | | | | 91 | 10 | |
| Success | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Hempstead | do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oysterbay | do. | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last report. | Rec'd. On certificate. | Rec'd. On confession | Dismissed. | Suspended | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| First R. D. | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First R. D. Spring Garden | J. C. Sears. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harlingen | Peter Labagh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Shannack | Gabriel Ludlow | 140 | 700 | 125 | 4 | 17 | 8 | | 3 | 135 | 39 | 6 |
| North and Southampton | Jacob Larzalere | 110 | 610 | 70 | | 2 | 4 | | 3 | 65 | 13 | |
| North Branch | Peter Studdiford | | | | | | | | | | | |

# PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

## CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last report. | Rec'd. On confession. | Rec'd. On certificate. | Suspended. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Shawangunk | A. D. Wilson | 240 | 1670 | 135 | 8 | | | 4 | 3 | 145 | 38 | 1 |
| New Prospect | Do. | 73 | 490 | 59 | | 4 | | | | 53 | 8 | |
| Berea | J. B. Ten Eyck | 100 | 500 | 70 | 9 | | | 2 | 3 | 77 | 7 | 2 |
| Bloomingburgh | S. Van Vechten | 120 | 600 | 63 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 70 | 10 | 3 |
| Rome | Do. | 40 | 200 | 20 | 1 | 2 | | | | 23 | 4 | |
| Bloomingdale | B. Van Keuren | 50 | 250 | | 11 | | | | 2 | | 6 | |
| Hurley | Do. | 35 | 145 | | 4 | 1 | | | 2 | | 5 | |
| Esopus | Do. | 130 | 660 | | 7 | | | 1 | 3 | | 10 | |
| New Paltz | W. R. Bogardus | 200 | 1298 | 154 | 9 | | | 1 | 2 | 160 | 43 | 1 |
| New Hurley | Do. | 160 | 951 | 121 | 10 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 129 | 26 | 1 |
| Montgomery | Jesse Fonda | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saugerties | Henry Ostrander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flatbush | P. A. Overbagh | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marbletown | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashoken | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wawarsing | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clove | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodstock | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverdam | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of Congregation. | In communion per last report. | Rec'd. On confession. | Rec'd. On certificate. | Suspended. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Kinderhook | Jacob Sickles | | | | 8 | | 7 | 6 | 4 | 551 | 48 | |
| Nassau | J. Romeyne | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ghent | P. S. Wynkoop | 100 | | 162 | | | 3 | | 3 | | 11 | |
| Hillsdale | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claverack | R. Sluyter | 215 | 1367 | 429 | 27 | | 2 | 9 | 9 | 436 | 112 | 3 |
| Schodack | A. Bennet | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Catskill | I. N. Wyckoff | 220 | 1510 | | 22 | | | | | | 23 | |
| Greenbush | no Pastor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blooming-grove | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of Congregation. | In Communion per last report. | Rec'd On confession. | Rec'd On certificate. | Suspended. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Union Village | J. D. Fonda | 72 | 341 | 57 | 66 | 6 | 3 | 20 | 11 | 98 | 24 | 25 |
| Easton | Do. | 62 | 344 | 21 | 85 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 94 | 13 | 44 |
| Waterford | M. W. Dwight | 35 | | 19 | 5 | 2 | | | | 26 | 10 | |
| Schaghticoke | A. J. Switz | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tyashoke | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wynant's Kill | C. Bogardus | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northumberland | Philip Duryee | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saratoga | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Miller | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Argyle | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chester | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilton | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census | | Communicants. | | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last report. | Rec'd. On confession | Rec'd. On certificate | Suspended. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total in Communion. | | Infants. | Adults. |
| 1st ch. Albany | J. Ludlow | | | | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 200 | | 18 | 1 |
| 2d ch. of Albany | I. Ferris | 208 | 1200 | 223 | 3 | 6 | | 7 | 7 | 218 | | 14 | |
| Schenectady | J. Van Vechten | 220 | 1250 | 327 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 316 | | 35 | |
| Coxsackie | G. R. Livingston | 240 | 1700 | 534 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 514 | | 41 | 1 |
| Boght | J. B. Steele | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | R. Bronk | 80 | 380 | 48 | 12 | 8 | | 1 | 1 | 66 | | 5 | 6 |
| Bethlehem | S. Kissam | 145 | 800 | 260 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 257 | | 15 | |
| Coeymans | Do. | 83 | 500 | 120 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 118 | | 5 | |
| 1st. and 2d Ch. Rotterdam | J. Searle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverdam | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | Do. | 82 | 460 | | 4 | 3 | | 5 | 4 | 80 | | 34 | 1 |
| Princetown | R. J. Blair | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helderbergh | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jerusalem | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amity | T. Romeyn | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Niskeuna | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | A. Fort | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st ch. Glenville | E. Slingerland | 153 | 838 | 73 | 17 | 4 | | 1 | | 93 | | 11 | |
| Oakhill | Steph. Ostrander | 80 | 400 | 63 | 1 | | | | | 64 | | 7 | |
| Union | Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2d ch. Glenville | Do. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | Census. | | Communicants. | | | | | | | Bapt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of families. | Total of the Congregation. | In Communion per last Report. | Rec'd. On Confession. | Rec'd. On Certificate. | Suspended. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total in Communion. | Infants. | Adults. |
| Poughkeepsie | C. C. Cuyler | 300 | 1800 | 342 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 339 | 21 | 2 |
| Hopewell | T. De Witt | 95 | | 158 | 5 | | | | 3 | 160 | 9 | 2 |
| New Hackensack | Vacant | 110 | | 157 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 3 | 150 | 10 | 1 |
| Fishkill | C. D. Westbrook | 70 | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 100 | | |
| Fishkill Landing | Wm. S. Heyer | 70 | | 81 | 4 | 1 | | | | 85 | 11 | 1 |
| Kingston | John Gosman | 280 | 1750 | 355 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 361 | 41 | |
| Rhinebeck Flats | D. S. Parker | 180 | 1000 | 175 | 2 | | | | 4 | 173 | 18 | 1 |
| Red Hook | A. N. Kittle | | | 106 | 9 | | | 4 | 5 | 106 | 21 | |
| Linlithgow | Do. | | | 104 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 109 | 30 | 1 |
| Greenbush | H. Vedder | | | | 4 | | | 5 | 8 | | 8 | |
| Taghkanick | Do. | | | | 9 | | | | 2 | | 25 | 2 |
| Hyde Park | F. H. Vanderveer | 90 | | 74 | | 12 | | | 1 | 85 | 2 | |

THE CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY presented no account of the state of their Churches. But consists of the following Churches and Ministers, viz :—

Caughnawaga, *Abraham Van Horne*, pastor.
Broome, Blenheim, and Windham, *W. Paige*, pastor.
Middleburgh, *J. F. Schermerhorn*, pastor.
Schoharie, *Paul Weidman*, pastor.
Florida, *P. P. Rouse*, "
Manheim, *J. S. Ketchum*, "
Currytown, *J.R. H.Hasbrouck*, "
N. Rhinebeck, *J. Labagh*, "
Ovid, *A. Mesler*, "
Owasco, *C. Ten Eyck*, "
Palatine, *D. Van O'Linda*, "
Oppenheim, *D. Devoe*, "
United Congregations of Herkimer and German Flats, *S. Center*, pastor.
Herkimer and German Flats, *J. Spinner*, pastor.
Berkshire Valley, *G. Mandeville*.
Cato and Stirling, *D. Defreest*.
Mayfield, Middletown, Western Allotment of Kingsborough, Union, Westerlo, Charlestown, Glen, Cobleskill, Summit, Danube, Columbia, Warren, Schoharie Mountain, Sharon, Breakabin, Osquack, Indian Castle, Leroy, vacant.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Synodical References.*

A reference was presented from the Classis of Paramus, in relation to the case of Stephen Z. Goetchius, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. G. R. Livingston, Abraham D. Wilson, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and Wilhelmus Eltinge, and the Elders Henry Miller, Junr., Jeremiah Lott, and Andrew Finch. The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Mr. Goetchius, report :—

That they feel authorized to make the following statement of facts, in regard to this case: viz. That Stephen Z. Goetchius received a licence from the Classis of Paramus, to preach the gospel, in 1819; that sometime in the year 1823 he was regularly dismissed for the purpose of uniting with the Classis of Montgomery, within whose bounds he had received a call to be settled in the ministry. He, however, did not unite with Montgomery Classis, but renounced

the authority of the Reformed Dutch Church, and joined a self-created body, which styles itself the Classis of Union. While under the care of this body, he was tried for certain crimes, and was found guilty, and excluded from their fellowship. He sought to be restored to their favour again, and made confession of his sins, but was not received. During the whole of the time of his connexion with the Classis of Union, it does not appear that any notice was taken of his conduct by the Classis of Paramus, to whom alone he was responsible, in as much, as he had never been regularly received by the Classis of Montgomery. He now applies to the Classis of Paramus, that the way may be opened for the purpose of being settled among a people from whom he had received the outlines of a call. He admits the offence of schism, and is ready and willing to make confession of any other crimes of which he may be guilty; and the Classis of Paramus ask for advice in the premises. In view of the whole case, the Committee recommend for adoption the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Classis of Paramus be advised, without unreasonable delay, to cite Stephen Z. Goetchius to appear before them, and proceed to try and adjudge him to such punishment as his offences demand.

G. R. LIVINGSTON, *Chairman.*

A memorial was presented, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures brought in the following report, which was adopted:—

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to state,

That a communication from H. Meyer Romeyn, a member of the Reformed Dutch Church, at Kingston, on the subject of infant baptism, and containing an indirect charge against the Rev. Dr. M'Murray, for declining to baptize his child, has been submitted to them. They would respectfully report:—That although this Synod feel disposed to treat with attention and respect, any communication made to them from individual members of the Reformed Dutch Church, they think that any special consideration of this communication from Mr. Romeyn, would not be adviseable, in as much

as the subject of infant baptism has been settled by the Synod of our Church, and any charge, directly or indirectly, against any minister or consistory, must first be adjudicated by the Classis with which they are connected. Therefore, your Committee would recommend that Mr. Romeyn have leave to withdraw his memorial.

A. N. KITTLE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report,

That they find the following on the minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York. "Mr. Christopher Hunt having been recommended by the Classis of New-York, for pecuniary aid from the Van Benschoten or Miss Knox funds, to prosecute his studies; and Mr. Ennis having been recommended from the Classis of Bergen, for the same purpose; therefore resolved, that the said Christopher Hunt be recommended to General Synod, as above requested." Also that they find on pages 5th and 6th of the minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, a reference to General Synod, of the second and third articles of the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes, respecting members of our Churches who remove from one congregation to another, without being regularly dismissed; and respecting ministers removing out of the bounds of the judicatories to which they belong. That they find on the minutes of said Synod, the names of John H. Bevier, recommended by the Classis of Poughkeepsie to the attention and care of General Synod, for receiving aid in prosecuting his studies; and of Robert O. Currie and Simon Westfall, recommended by the Classis of Rensselaer for the same purpose; and also the name of Cornelius Devoe, recommended by the Classis of Washington for the same purpose.

And your Committee further report, that they find on minutes of said Synod, page 12, a resolution in the following words :—That this Synod recommend to all the Churches under their care, to observe the third Thursday in August next as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, unless General Synod appoint some other day. And further, that they find on minutes of said Synod, the following reso-

lution:—Resolved, that it is expedient to organize three new Classes, to be known by the names of the Classis of Schoharie, the Classis of Schenectady, and the Classis of Cayuga.

And your Committee further report, that they find on the minutes of General Synod of September, 1825, page 19, the following resolution on the subject of marrying a deceased wife's sister:—Resolved, that so much of the acts of the General Synod passed in the years 1797 and 1815, recorded on page 264 in the appendix to our constitution, as directs the Churches to exclude from sealing ordinances, the persons contemplated by those acts, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

The further consideration of the above was postponed until the present meeting of General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted,

PETER S. WYNKOOP, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That in regard to the reference from the Particular Synod of Albany, relating to members of our Churches who remove from one congregation to another without being regularly dismissed; and respecting ministers removing out of the bounds of the Judicatories to which they belong; Synod deem that the mode to be pursued in the above cases, is sufficiently explicit, and defined in the constitution of our Church.

*Resolved*, That the Classis of Poughkeepsie be transferred to the Particular Synod of New-York.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, as relates to students applying for aid from the Van Benschoten fund, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

*Resolved*, That so much of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, as relates to the appointment of a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Synodical Appeals.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Church Government.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE X.

*Doctrines and Morals.*

The following resolution, proposed at the meeting of General Synod in September last, viz: "*Resolved*, that so much of the acts of the General Synod, passed in the years 1797 and 1815, recorded on page 264 in the appendix to our Constitution, as directs the churches to exclude from sealing ordinances, the persons contemplated by those acts, be, and the same is hereby repealed," was called up, and after some discussion, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting of the General Synod.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Schools and Christian Education.*

A communication from Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath School Union Society, accompanied by a number of the reports of said Society, was received, and referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Philip Duryea, Peter P. Rouse, and the Elder J. G. Phillips.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee to whom was referred the letter and papers from the secretary of the American Sabbath School Union, beg leave to report,

That they have read the letter, and examined the papers transmitted therewith; and as the subject is not new to this Synod—and as the benefit of Sabbath School instruction has been long felt, and universally acknowledged by the Christian church, your committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Synod do cordially, and most earnestly recommend to the respective classes within their bounds, the immediate adoption of such means as may best conduce to the establishment and furtherance of these important and highly useful institutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP DURYEA, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XIII.

### *Rutgers College.*

The following report was received from a committee appointed to repair the college edifice, and referred to a committee, consisting of John R. Bleecker, and Michael Schoonmaker.

The committees appointed by the General Synod, to finish and repair the east and west wings, and to do other repairs to the college edifice, report, that they have executed the trust committed to them, and that the subscriber has in possession the account of the items of expenses incurred. The accounts are voluminous, and the committee would respectfully suggest the appointment of a committee by the General Synod, to examine and report thereon.

J. R. HARDENBERGH, *Chairman.*

*New-Brunswick, June* 8, 1826.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The subscribers, appointed to examine the accounts of the committees, for repairing and furnishing the east and west wings, and to do other repairs to the college edifice, report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and find that there has been paid out by the former committee, the sum of two thousand two hundred and

fifty-nine dollars and nine cents, and that they have received one thousand six hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, leaving a balance due them from General Synod of six hundred dollars and thirty-four cents.

*And further*, That there has been received by the latter committee, one thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty-five cents, and paid out by them, one thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents, leaving a balance due them of four hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty cents.

And we add, for the information of the Synod, that probably the former balance will be reduced about ninety dollars, by subscriptions not as yet collected; and the latter balance increased four hundred and thirty-eight dollars and twenty-seven cents, for bills rendered the committee, but not paid, for the want of funds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BLEECKER, } *Committee.*
MICHAEL SCHOONMAKER, }

*New-York, June*, 1826.

*Resolved*, That the committee on college repairs, of which, General Frelinghuysen is now chairman, be continued, and requested to solicit and obtain funds for the liquidation of the debts contracted by said committee, in fulfilling the objects of their appointment.

The following report of the Board of Superintendants of Rutgers College, was received, and referred to the committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Board of Superintendants of Rutgers College respectfully report,—

That shortly after the appointment of the Board, by the General Synod, and the Trustees of the institution, the college at New-Brunswick became organized, and its officers appointed, and that the Board of Superintendants, in compliance with the duties marked out for them, met, in conjunction with the faculty, for the purpose of enacting the statutes of the college, and prescribing the course of studies; and they herewith transmit a copy of the statutes, &c. as the result of their deliberations.

After the commencement of the first Session, the Board met, and having properly organized themselves, endeavoured, as far as practicable, to give a general attention to the interests of the institution. The number of students, during the last named Session, was thirty, viz: in the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen classes, under the tuition and care of the Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler, President of the college, and Professor of Moral Philosophy, &c.; Dr. John De Witt, Professor of Belles Letters, Logic, &c.; Dr. Selah S. Woodhull, Professor of Metaphysics, and Philosophy of the Human Mind; Dr. William C. Brownlee, Professor of Languages, and Dr. Robert Adrain, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

That the college opened, and commenced its operations under very favourable auspices: the students were generally exemplary in their conduct and attentive to their studies during the session. The public examination, in the month of April last, was attended by some members of the Board, and several literary gentlemen; and in its character was highly honourable to the different professors, as well as creditable to the young gentlemen under their care. During this session, however, the Board have to lament a severe loss in the death of the Rev. Dr. Woodhull, whose energy and ability promised much towards benefiting the institution. Since the commencement of the summer session, the number of students has been thirty-six, viz: in the Junior class five, in the Sophomore thirteen, and in the Freshman eighteen. Four of the students of the last session having left the institution, and ten new ones entered it.

The Rev. Dr. Brownlee, the Professor of Languages, having accepted a call as Pastor of the Collegiate Churches in the city of New-York, resigned his situation in the college shortly after the commencement of the present session; and the Board of Trustees have since elected in his place, Dr. Joseph Nelson, a gentleman of considerable classic attainments, and distinguished as a teacher of youth, who has entered on the duties of his office.

About the same time, the Rev. James S. Cannon was elected, to supply the place of Dr. Woodhull. It is manifest, the Trustees of this institution, in conjunction with the General Synod, have had great and continued difficulties to encounter in attempting to revive its exercises. They have hitherto, however, persevered through all discouragements, and the Board trust and hope the time is not

far distant, when, with the blessing of God, they may congratulate the friends of the church, and of Rutgers College, upon the success which will crown their endeavours. The college is under the immediate care of Professors eminent for their talents and learning; and the funds expected to be realized from the labours and exertions, and munificence of its patrons, are beginning to be available; and we cherish the ardent hope, that ere long, the institution will assume in our country the rank to which we conceive it is entitled.

The Board would close this report by observing, that *that* distinguished Philanthropist and Christian, Colonel Henry Rutgers, has recently bestowed upon the institution the sum of five thousand dollars, which is now at interest for its use.

JOHN KNOX,
ISAAC L. KIP,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST,
JAMES B. HARDENBERGH,
CHARLES SMITH,
CORNELIUS L. HARDENBERGH,

*New-Brunswick, June* 8, 1826.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### *Professorate.*

The committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The committee on the Professorate beg leave to submit to General Synod the following report:—

The several subjects referred to your committee, are, 1st, The report of the Board of Superintendants of your Theological Seminary: 2d, The report of the Board of Superintendants of Rutgers College; 3d, Application of students, for dispensations as to their places and periods of study, and for aid from the charity funds; 4th, The annual report of the Board of Corporation, including the Treasurer's account; 5th, An inquiry into the amount of monies due for Synodical Minutes, and into the delinquency of the Classes; and 6thly, An inquiry into the expediency and practicability of purchasing the whole.

or a part of the Library of our late Professor Woodhull, for the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick.

1. The report of the Board of Superintendants of your Theological Seminary.

It appears from said report, that twelve young men, after completing their term of study, have been examined, found qualified, and recommended for Professoral certificates, with a view to licensure; that the Board can with freedom bear honourable testimony to the faithfulness and diligence of the Professors, as well as to the industry, proficiency, and correct deportment of the students. And they do it with the more cheerfulness, in the view of the short time the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology has been engaged in the duties of his office. The Rev. James S. Cannon, D. D., has, according to the order of General Synod, been regularly inducted into office, as Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology.

In view of the recommendation of the Board of Superintendants, for the adoption of measures to increase the means of educating distinguished, yet indigent young men, for the Gospel ministry, your committee would recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution, viz :—

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to each Classis, to take measures for organization of education societies, for the purpose of furnishing the means to educate indigent young men for the ministry.

Upon a view of the whole subject, your committee would cordially unite with the General Synod, and with our churches, in commending your Theological Seminary in all its departments, to the care and blessing of the Great Head of the church; and cherish the hope, that it will prove "a fountain, which shall send forth many streams to make glad the city of our God.

2. The report of the Board of Superintendants of Rutgers College, claimed the attention of your committee; from which, it appears that the number of students in Rutgers College is at present thirty-six; five in the Junior class, thirteen in the Sophomore, and eighteen in the Freshman, under the care and tuition of the Rev. Dr. P. Milledoler, President of the college, and Professor of Moral Philosophy; of the Rev. Dr. John De Witt, Professor of Belles Letters, Logic, &c.; of the Rev. Dr. James S. Cannon, Professor of Metaphysics, and Philo-

sophy of the Human Mind; of Dr. Robert Adrain, Professor of Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy; and of Dr. Joseph Nelson, Professor of Languages; that the students are generally exemplary in their conduct, and attentive to their studies; and their public examination in April last, was highly honourable to their different Professors, as well as creditable to the young gentlemen. Your committee would suggest to Synod the propriety of recommending to all their churches, their patronizing by their prayers, their counsels, and their pecuniary aid, English schools and academies, as nurseries annually and plentifully to supply Rutgers College, and the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick.

3. *Application of Students.* 1st, For dispensations as to their places and periods of study, and 2d, for aid from the charity funds.

1. Application of Students for dispensations as to their places and periods of study.

Mr. Edwin Holmes, of Poughkeepsie, a graduate of Union College in 1822, having for three years and nine months employed the time intervening between the ordinary school hours, in the study of Theology; having, for the last three months, devoted all his time to said study; having regulated the course of his studies, as far as practicable, in accordance with that of our Theological Seminary, and believing that he can, in fifteen months at our Seminary accomplish the remaining part of the studies required for licensure; requests, through the classis of Poughkeepsie, of Synod, that if at the close of the Theological year in your Seminary, July 1827, he be found qualified to sustain an examination on the whole course of studies prescribed, he may be recommended for a professoral certificate, with a view to licensure by Classis. Your committee recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolution, viz:—

*Resolved*, That Mr. Holmes' request be granted.

Mr. James Phillips, of Harlaem, having for several years past devoted himself to the acquisition of Theological knowledge; and having a wife and three children, who are wholly dependent on his daily exertions for their support, he cannot possibly comply with the usual requirement of attending a course of study at our Theological Seminary; and having, during the best part of the last year, very zealously and industriously devoted himself to the study of Theology in particular; and believing that he can complete his course of

study at Harlaem by the end of our Theological year, 1827, requests of Synod, that if at the close of said year he be found qualified to sustain an examination before your board of superintendants, on the whole course of studies prescribed, he may be recommended for a professoral certificate, with a view to licensure by Classis. Your committee recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution, viz :—

*Resolved,* That the request of Mr. James Phillips be granted.

2. *Application of Students for aid from the Charity Funds.*

Regular applications for the benefit of the Van Benschoten, and Miss Knox's funds, have been referred to your committee :—Your committee beg leave to recommend for aid the following persons, according to the order in which their names are arranged, and the respective sums annexed, viz :—

James M'Kelvy, student in the Theological School.

J. E. Quaw, do. do.

Christopher Hunt, student in Rutgers College.

Benjamin Swarts, do. do. half of his college dues.

Alexander M. Mann, do. do. seventy dollars per annum.

Robert C. Currie.

Simon Westfall, from the congregation of Nassau.

Jacob Ennis, from the classis of Bergen.

John H. Bevier, from the congregation of Wawarsing.

Cornelius Devoe.

4. The annual report of the Board of Corporation, including the Treasurer's account, from the 27th of May, 1825, to the 1st of June, 1826.

From the report of the Board of Corporation, your committee rejoice to learn, that the finances of Synod wear a promising aspect, and that the present system of raising funds, if persevered in, will ultimately succeed. The language of your Board of Corporation is the following: "The gradual improvement of your Treasury will appear from the Treasurer's account, and furnishes new evidence that the system of finance adopted by your reverend body is judicious. To answer all the ends designed, it only needs an uniform fulfilment of its provisions."

It is therefore necessary to state, that although the various subscriptions which have been made, witness a great liberality in your churches, yet a great proportion of the money subscribed, is not productive at present, nor will the whole of it be so for at least four years to come, from the very nature of the subscriptions themselves. Till that time the ordinary collections are indispensably necessary, to meet the current expenses of General Synod. Your committee would therefore recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution, viz :—

*Resolved*, That similar collections to those recommended by Synod, the two last years, be, and are hereby directed and enjoined to be made in the several congregations within the jurisdiction of Synod, during the current year.

5. An inquiry into the amount of monies due for Synodical Minutes, and into the delinquency of the Classes. On this subject your committee would recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod, viz :—

1. *Resolved*, That the stated clerk of Synod furnish your Treasurer with a correct list of the number of copies of the Minutes of General Synod, annually transmitted to the several Classes, for the last five years.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod furnish your stated clerk with a correct statement of the amount of monies annually received for Synodical Minutes from the several Classes, during the last five years.

3. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer and stated clerk of General Synod be, and hereby are appointed a committee on the above subject, and report to Synod as soon as may be convenient and practicable.

6. An inquiry into the expediency and practicability of purchasing the whole, or a part of the library of the late Professor Dr. Woodhull, for the Theological library at New-Brunswick.

On this subject your committee beg leave to recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Drs. Knox, Mathews, and M'Murray, and Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh, Isaac Heyer, and Abraham Van Nest, be, and hereby are appointed a committee to obtain subscriptions, and to receive monies subscribed for said object.

2. *Resolved*, That the above-said committee be, and are hereby authorized to apply the amount of monies so procured, towards the purchase of such books of said library, as are most needed for the use of the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick.

*Lastly*, Upon a review of all the subjects referred to your committee, they find no small cause for congratulating General Synod, and their churches, on the promising prospects of the institution at New-Brunswick, in all its departments, officers, branches, and pupils, and they flatter themselves, that with the blessing of the Great Head of the church, it will water, and continue to water by its streams, your Academies, your English Schools, and your congregations; and they in their place will nurture and feed, and in their turn will water Rutgers College and your Theological Seminary, so that all being well-watered, all may prove abundantly thrifty and fruitful; and many, very many precious and immortal souls may be rendered meet, and matured for a translation from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant; for all which your committee would join their united and fervent prayers with those of the General Synod, and of all their churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILHELMUS ELTINGE, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That Rev. Peter Labagh, and the Elders John R. Bleeker and Michael Schoonmaker, be a Committee to ascertain and report to Synod, the amount of monies which have been collected on the subscriptions for the endowment of the second and third professorships. The Committee reported, and their report was referred to the Board of Corporation, with a request that they present to Synod at its next stated meeting, a detailed statement of all the monies that have been collected under the late orders of the General Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. John Ludlow, Gilbert R. Livingston, and Isaac Ferris be a Committee, whose duty it shall be to employ agents to solicit within the bounds of the Synod of Albany, subscrip-

tions and donations for the purposes mentioned in the minutes of the meeting of Synod in September last, and that said Committee be authorized to fix the compensation of those agents, and to report in full their doings and success, at the next stated meeting of Synod.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. William M'Murray, Dr. John Knox, and John Beattie be a Committee for the Classis of Long Island and New-York, whose duty it shall be to procure agents to take up subscriptions and donations in aid of the Theological Seminary.

*Resolved*, That the Classis of Poughkeepsie be considered as within the charge of the Committee appointed to employ agents within the bounds of the Synod of Albany.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston, Peter Labagh, Jacob Schoonmaker, and the Elders Abraham Van Nest, and William R. Thompson be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of sending an agency to Holland to solicit donations for the Theological and Literary Institutions at New-Brunswick.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed on the subject of sending agents to Holland, report,

That from a variety of considerations, not necessary to be particularly detailed, your Committee feel pursuaded that it is very desirable to send one or more agents to the land of our fathers, for the purpose of gaining information relative to the state of the Church there, as well as to solicit aid for our institutions at New-Brunswick. It is our impression, that if suitable agents are appointed, there is an encouraging prospect, that such an appointment will be attended with no little success. Your Committee, therefore, recommend for adoption the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That two agents be appointed to visit Holland, to ask donations in books and money.

*Resolved*, That our Board of Corporation be requested to designate those agents, and devise the ways and means necessary to defray the expenses thereof, and that when such agents shall have signified their acceptance of their appointment, the officers of this Synod shall duly certify their commission.

G. R. LIVINGSTON, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the several Committees that have been appointed by this Synod, take such measures as they may deem most adviseable, to collect the monies that have already been subscribed for the endowment of the professorship, or for other purposes of the Synod.

## ARTICLE XV.

*Students in Theology.*

See articles 3 and 14.

## ARTICLE XVI.

*Church Visitation.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVII.

*Prevailing Sins.*

Nothing occurred.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

*Missions.*

The report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church having been called for, and a certificate of the appointment of Rev. Eli Baldwin and George Wilson, Esq., by the Board of Managers, as agents of said Board, to attend to its interests before Synod, having been presented—*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Missions be now read, and that the Rev. Eli Baldwin and Mr. George Wilson be, and hereby are recognized as Commissioners from the Board, to offer such remarks as they shall think necessary in reference to the report, after it shall have been read.

The report having been read and discussed, and the Commissioners having been heard in favour of its adoption, a part of the report was adopted, and the remainder referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication, accompanied with sundry documents, was received from the Executive Committee of the United Foreign Missionary Society, requesting the consent of this Synod, to an amalgamation of the United Foreign Missionary Society, with the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. Thomas De Witt preached the annual Missionary Sermon (from 2 Cor. ix. 12) in the Middle Dutch Church, before Synod, in the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of Synod.

The Rev. John De Witt, D. D., was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., was appointed his *secundus.*

The Committee on Missions reported in part, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions report,

That from the Report of the Board of Managers of the Dutch Church Missionary Society, which has been submitted to their inspection, it appears that the Missionary Concerns of our Church have been conducted with more than common diligence and success. While we would acknowledge this fact with fervent gratitude to Him who attends the planting of Paul and the watering of Apollos with abundant increase, it is not doubted but the Synod will express their thanks to the Board of Managers for their faithful discharge of the duties committed to them.

During the past year there has been received into the treasury $3167 45, and expended $2695 20, leaving a balance in favour of the Society of $472 25. The greater part of which is due for services already rendered; making an excess of income in the past, over the preceding year, of $668 93. Within the same period, there have been employed fifteen Missionaries; assistance given by appropriations to nine weak churches, and the word of life extended to many waste and destitute places. The Missionary Report, which it is hoped will be circulated through all our Churches, gives a very interesting detail of the labours of the Missionaries. Not only have the hearts of many who have been mourning their silent Sabbaths, been gladdened with gospel ordinances, but many

souls, as we fondly hope, have been brought under experience of the truth, in its saving power. The field of labour is greatly extending; not only are our Missionaries gladly received, but their services are earnestly implored. Through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, we look to this Society, to which the Synod have entrusted this important cause, as an instrument not only to extend our boundaries as a denomination, but to provide for, and secure within it, the settlement of the youth who annually issue from the Theological College, well instructed in the doctrines of divine truth, and well qualified for their defence. Many of those who have been sent forth, have prepared places, as missionaries, for their own settlement, as pastors; and are now labouring successfully amongst the people, thus collected together by their own labour; and in this way our coast, as a denomination, may yet be very greatly enlarged. This object presents itself with peculiar force to the Churches; and all who love our Zion will feel it to be their duty, and privilege, to contribute to its support. It ought to take the precedence of every other—the warmest affection of our hearts, and our most liberal contributions ought, and will be directed to it. There is much land yet to be possessed, lying on our own borders; there are many destitute settlements stretching out their arms, imploring help. Our Theological College is furnishing us with missionaries, and there need be no boundary to this enterprise, but that which is prescribed by the want of means. The Board of Managers can employ all the funds put in their hands, in the building up of the Church, and permanently establishing the gospel in the region immediately adjacent to ourselves, among our friends and brethren. The increase of contributions the last year, indicates that the Churches are awaking to a proper sense of their obligations, and may be regarded as a pledge of greater increase in future. Let not one congregation, favoured with the stated ordinances, refuse its contribution, however small. Let all our ministers call upon their people to aid in this work. The Lord has already owned it, by the gracious influences of his spirit, and if we, to whom he has entrusted the means, are faithful, he will not fail still more abundantly to bless it, and to cheer our hearts with the assurance, that his work is prospering in our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Missions, to whom the communication from the United Foreign Missionary Society, and the "conclusion" of the Report of the Board of Managers of the Reformed Dutch Church, were referred, having reported, the Synod adopted the following resolution:—Whereas a Committee from the Board of the United Foreign Missionary Society, did enter into preliminary arrangements for amalgamating the United Foreign Missionary Society with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; and whereas, it is expressly declared, that no pledge of support or recommendation to the patronage of our Churches, is understood to be implied in the consent of this Synod, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Synod consent to transfer the interest of the United Foreign Missionary Society to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

*Resolved*, That this Synod earnestly recommend to all the congregations under its care, to use the most vigorous exertions, either by forming Auxiliary societies, or in other ways to support and increase the funds of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, and thereby promote the great object of this Synod, to occupy and enlarge our missionary field.

*Resolved*, That the success which has attended the efforts of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, commend it to the warmest affection and regard of the churches under our care, and we do recommend to those churches who may be unable to render aid to all the charitable institutions now existing, to direct their efforts primarily to their own Missionary Institution.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Missionary Board to consider the propriety of taking measures to begin missionary operations among the aborigines of our country, and elsewhere.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to all the Churches under the care of this Synod, to make collections in aid of the funds of the Dutch Church Missionary Society, on the day to be observed as a day of thanksgiving, or on such Sabbath during the year, as may be deemed most adviseable.

## ARTICLE XIX.

### *Widows' Fund.*

The Committee appointed on the subject of the Widows' Fund,

were not prepared to report, and were continued and required to report to Synod at its next stated meeting.

## ARTICLE XX.

*Particularia.*

The Committee appointed to place a monument over the grave of the late Professor Woodhull, brought in the following report:—

The Committee appointed by General Synod "to have placed over the grave of Professor Woodhull a neat, plain monument, with a suitable inscription, commemorative of his character and worth,"

Respectfully report,

That one, with the following incription, has been prepared, and now covers the spot where his remains are deposited.

**TO THE MEMORY**

OF THE

**REV. SELAH S. WOODHULL, D. D.,**

Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church; and of Metaphysics, and the Philosophy of the Human Mind, in Rutgers College.

For 19 years he was the acceptable Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church, in Brooklyn.

November, 1825, he entered upon his Professoral labours,

AND

Died the following February, on the 27th day of the month, in the 40th year of his age.

Respected for his learning, piety, industry, and zeal, His sudden removal from these important stations, is deeply lamented. As a tribute to his worth,

THIS TABLET,

is affectionately inscribed,

By an unanimous vote of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

ALEXANDER GUNN, *Chairman.*

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Professorate be instructed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of purchasing the whole or a part of the library of the late Professor Woodhull, for the use of the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick.

The Committee appointed to have a tomb-stone placed over the remains of the late Professor Livingston, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to contract for, and superintend the erection of a tomb-stone over the remains of the late Rev. Professor Livingston, report,

That they have performed the duty assigned them by General Synod; that they have erected a tomb-stone of white marble, with the inscription ordered by Synod; that the work has been performed in a neat, substantial, and workmanlike manner; and that they have subjoined, and present herewith the amount of cost incurred for its erection.

P. MILLEDOLER, *Chairman.*

*New-York, June* 12, 1826.

*Resolved*, That this Synod again recommend to the Churches under their care, to take up collections in behalf of the American Colonization Society, on the 4th of July, or, if they have not religious service on that day, on the Sabbath preceding or succeeding it.

*Resolved*, That the stated clerk be directed to correspond with the several Committees appointed to solicit subscriptions and donations, to ascertain as far as may be the amount of receipts up to the date of the next report of the Board of Corporation.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to procure materials from the manuscripts and correspondence of the late Rev. Dr. Livingston, and other sources of information, and if they shall deem it expedient, engage some competent minister of the Reformed Dutch Church, to write a Memoir of the Life and Character of Dr. Livingston, for publication, and that the proceeds of the sale of this work be devoted to the funds of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Rev. A. N. Kittle, Cornelius C. Cuyler, and Thomas De Witt were appointed said Committee.

ARTICLE XXI.

*Pastoral Letter.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXII.

*Synodical Archives.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

*Resumption and Close.*

*Resolved*, That the stated clerk publish 750 copies of the minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIV.

*Adjournment.*

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday in June, 1827, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and

*Resolved*, That in case any extra meeting should be called, that such extra meeting be held in the city of New-York.

JOHN LUDLOW, *President.*
GILBERT R. LIVINGSTON, *Adsessor.*
THOMAS M. STRONG, } *Clerks.*
BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR. }

Official copy from the original minutes.

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

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☞ The collections which Synod have directed to be made in all the Churches under their care, are:

For the Theological College, on the first Sabbath of November.

For the Permanent Fund, on the first Sabbath in May.

For the Contingent Fund, on the first Sabbath in January.

For the Missionary Fund, (in all those congregations where auxiliary societies do not exist,) on the first Sabbath in September.

The twenty-five cent contribution is requested to be made on the last Sabbath in December.

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# ADVERTISEMENT.

Until the year 1791 inclusive, the Minutes of the General Synod, were kept in the Dutch Language. The regular sessions of the Synod at that time, and until the year 1812, were held triennially. The first Minutes in the English language are those of the session at Albany, in June 1794. Of these a brief extract only, on the subject of the Professorate was published. From that time until the year 1812, the Synod were in the habit of publishing only certain extracts from their Minutes. Such publications were made from the Minutes of the sessions of 1797, 1800, 1804, 1806, 1807, and 1809. At the session in June, 1812, Synod resolved to meet annually, and from that time published their Minutes entire. To the Minutes of June 1814, there is added an important Appendix, containing the principal matters of general interest, found in the Minutes previous to 1812, prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose. Another Appendix will be found to the Minutes of June, 1816, comprising the translation, of the Articles of Union, and certain extracts from the Minutes of the session of 1797, which appear never to have been recorded. In addition to the regular annual sessions of the Synod from 1812, special or extraordinary sessions were held in October, 1815 ; October, 1817 ; August, 1818 ; October, 1820 ; February, 1823 ; January, (February,) 1825 ; September, 1825 ; and March, 1826.

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An error has occurred in the advertisement, p. 3. The Minutes in which is to be found the second appendix, containing the translation of the Articles of Union &c., are those for the year 1815, and not those of 1816, as there stated.

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